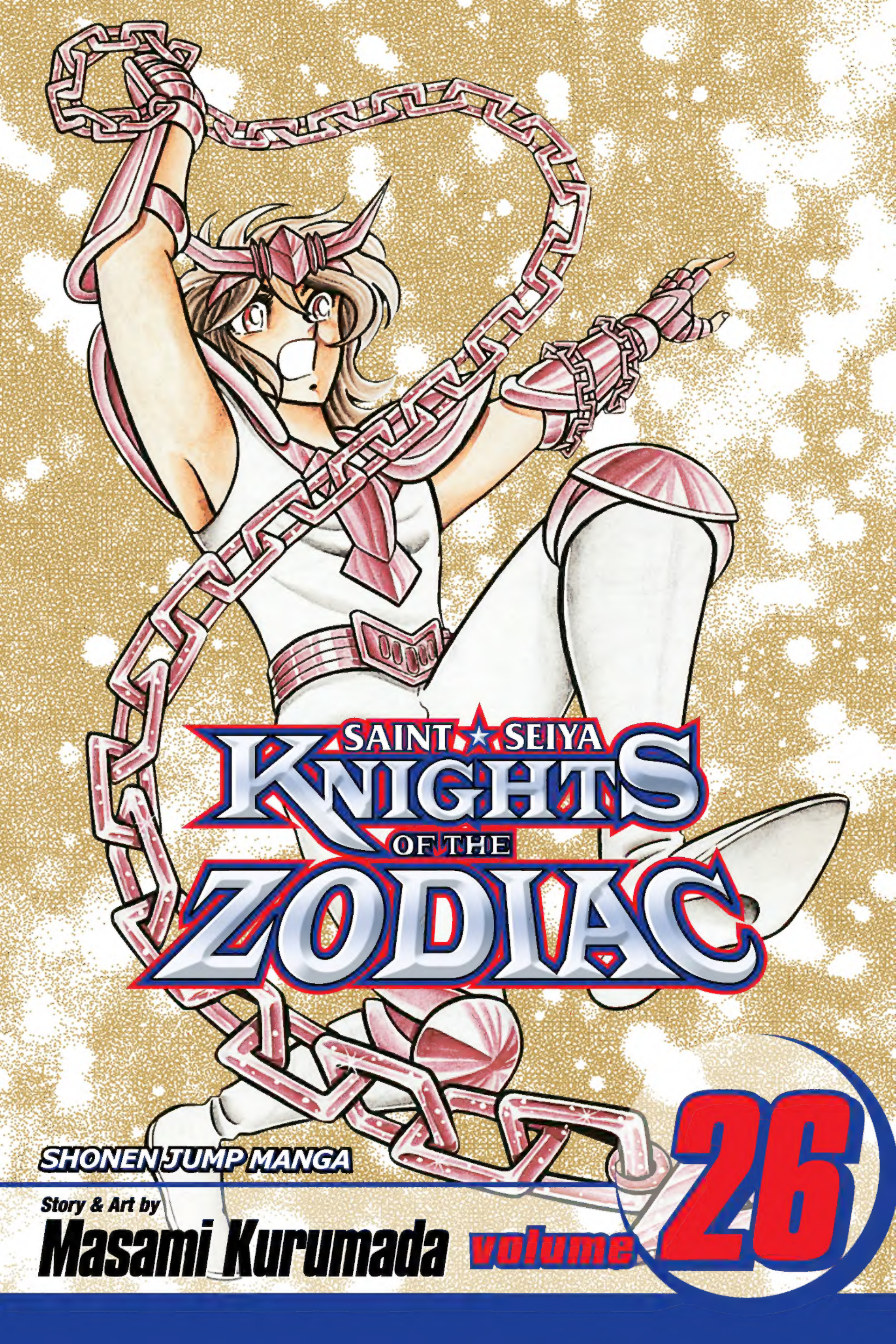
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As expected, I was a rank amateur. The more I tried to put expression into my lines, the more forced it sounded! But if I didn't try to emote, I sounded dry, hoarse and sarcastic!

I hate my own voice!!

Masami Kurumada—1990

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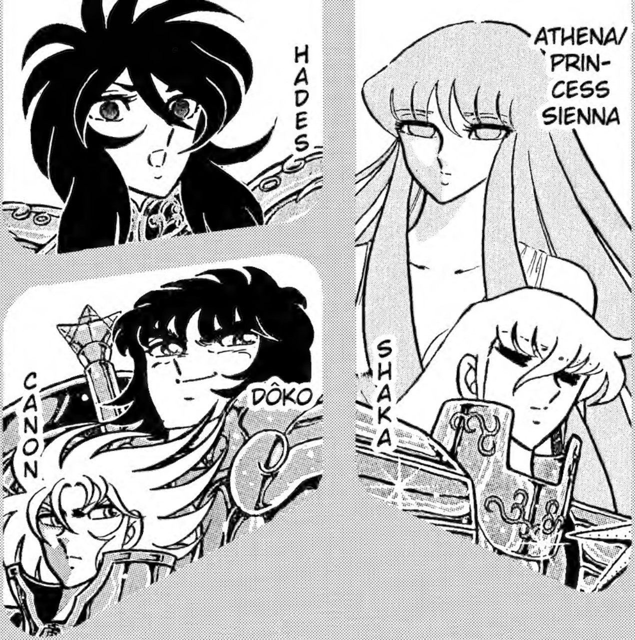

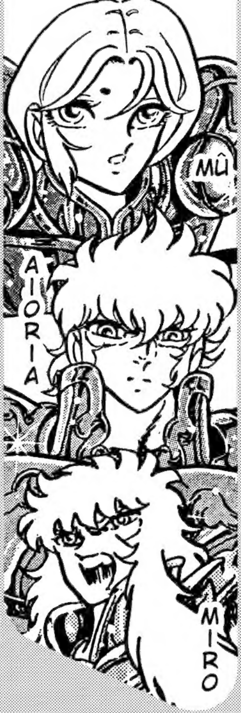

THE STORY THUS FAR ...

TO RAISE WARRIORS WITH THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT FOR PRINCESS SIENNA, THE INCARNATION OF ATHENA, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 BOYS OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. FOUR BRONZE KNIGHTS--SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ AND SHUN--SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR TRAINING. IN BATTLES AGAINST THE CORRUPT MASTER OF SANCTUARY AND THE SEA GOD POSEIDON, THE LOVE AND JUSTICE OF ATHENA AND HER KNIGHTS TRIUMPHED.

BUT THIS PEACE HAS BEEN FLEETING, AS HADES, THE GOD OF THE UNDERWORLD, HAS ARISEN TO INVADE THE EARTH WITH HIS ARMY OF SPECTERS. ATHENA PIERCES HER OWN THROAT AND DESCENDS TO THE UNDERWORLD TO BATTLE HADES. THE KNIGHTS RACE TO JOIN HER, BUT SHUN IS POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF HADES, WHO THREATENS THE EARTH WITH THE ETERNAL DARKNESS OF THE GREATEST ECLIPSE. SEIYA AND IKKI ARE THROWN INTO THE ICY PRISON OF COCYTUS. AT LONG LAST, SHAKA AND ATHENA MEET HADES FACE TO FACE...

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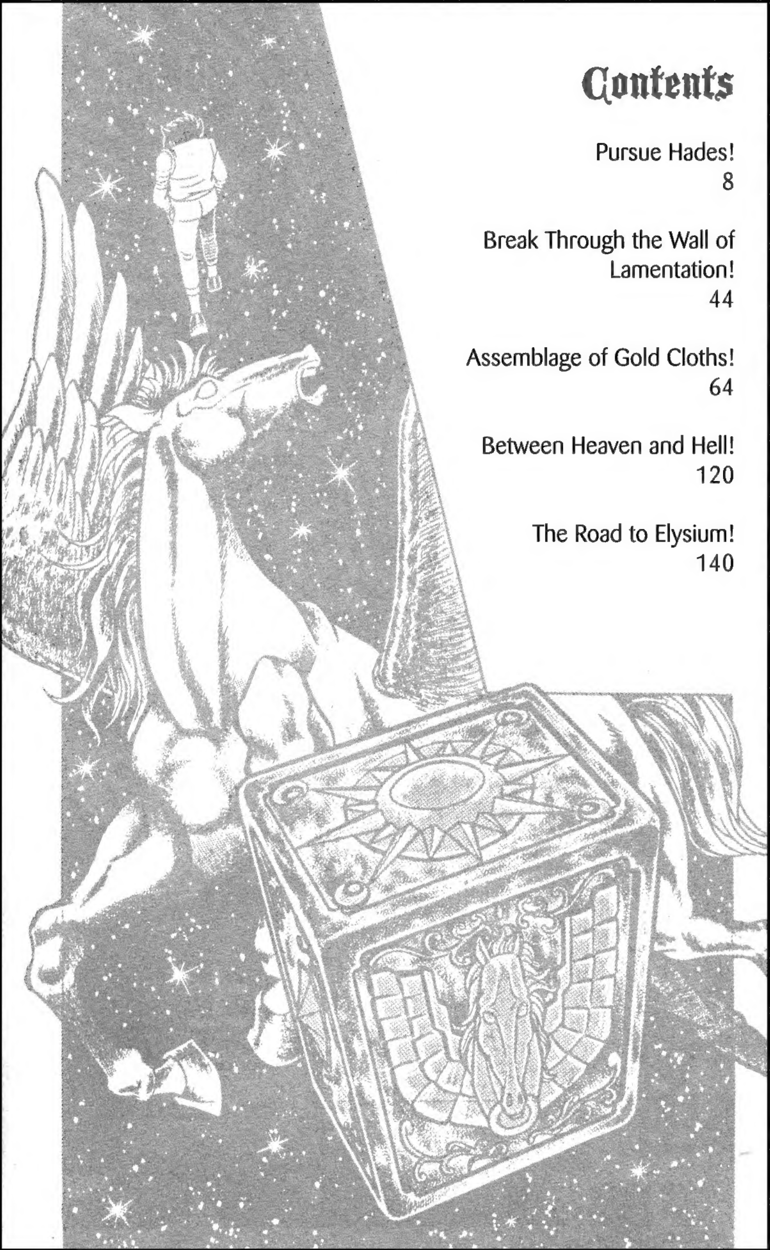

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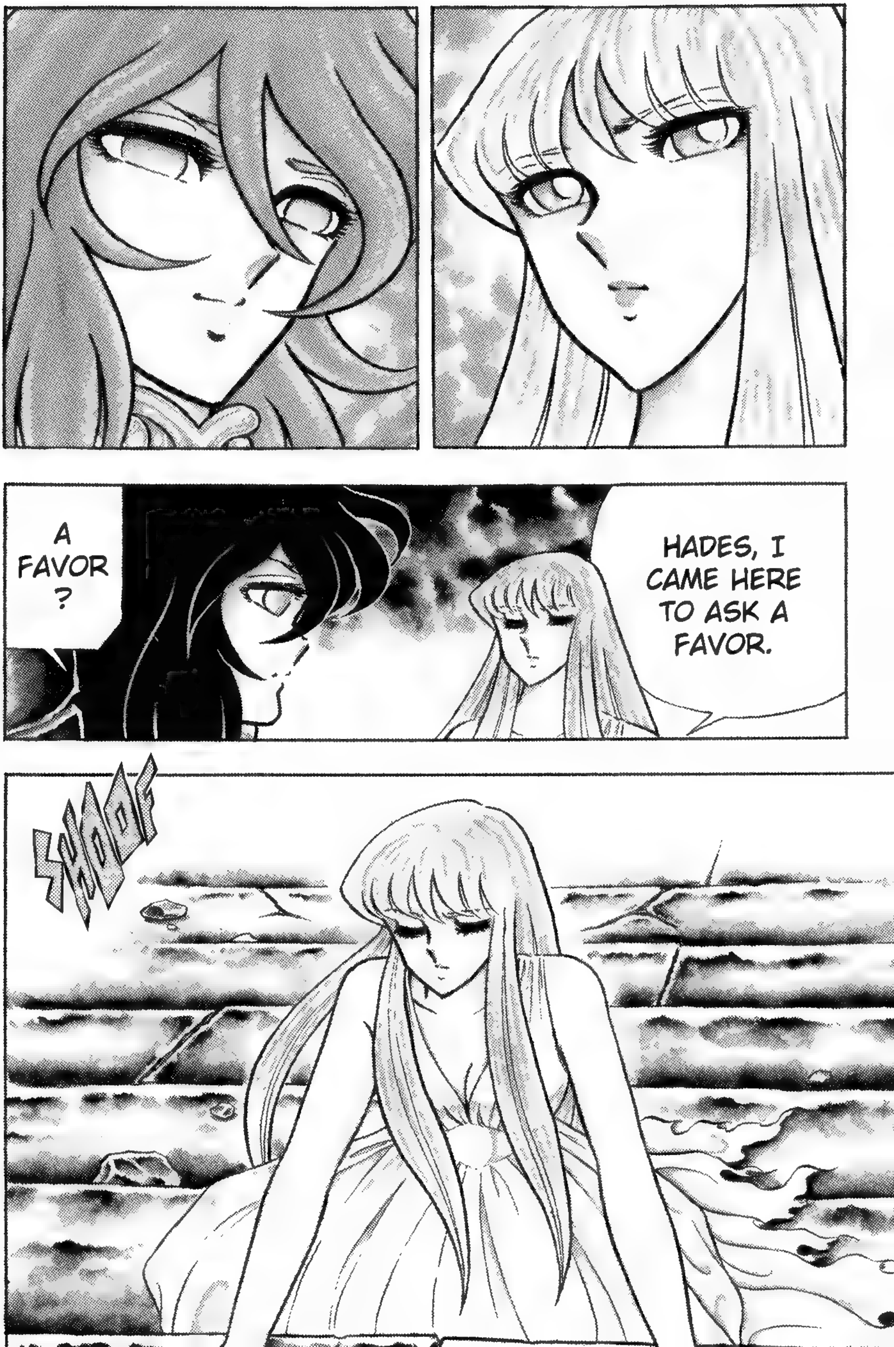
KNIGHTS
OF THE
ZODIAC

PURSUE HADES!
ATHENA !!
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE...
...TO OFFER YOUR LIFE TO ME.

DOOOM
ATHENA, NO! IT'S STILL TOO DANGER-OUS FOR YOU!!
LET ME FIGHT HADES FIRST!!
BUT THAT'S SHUN.
NO, SHUN IS NO MORE.

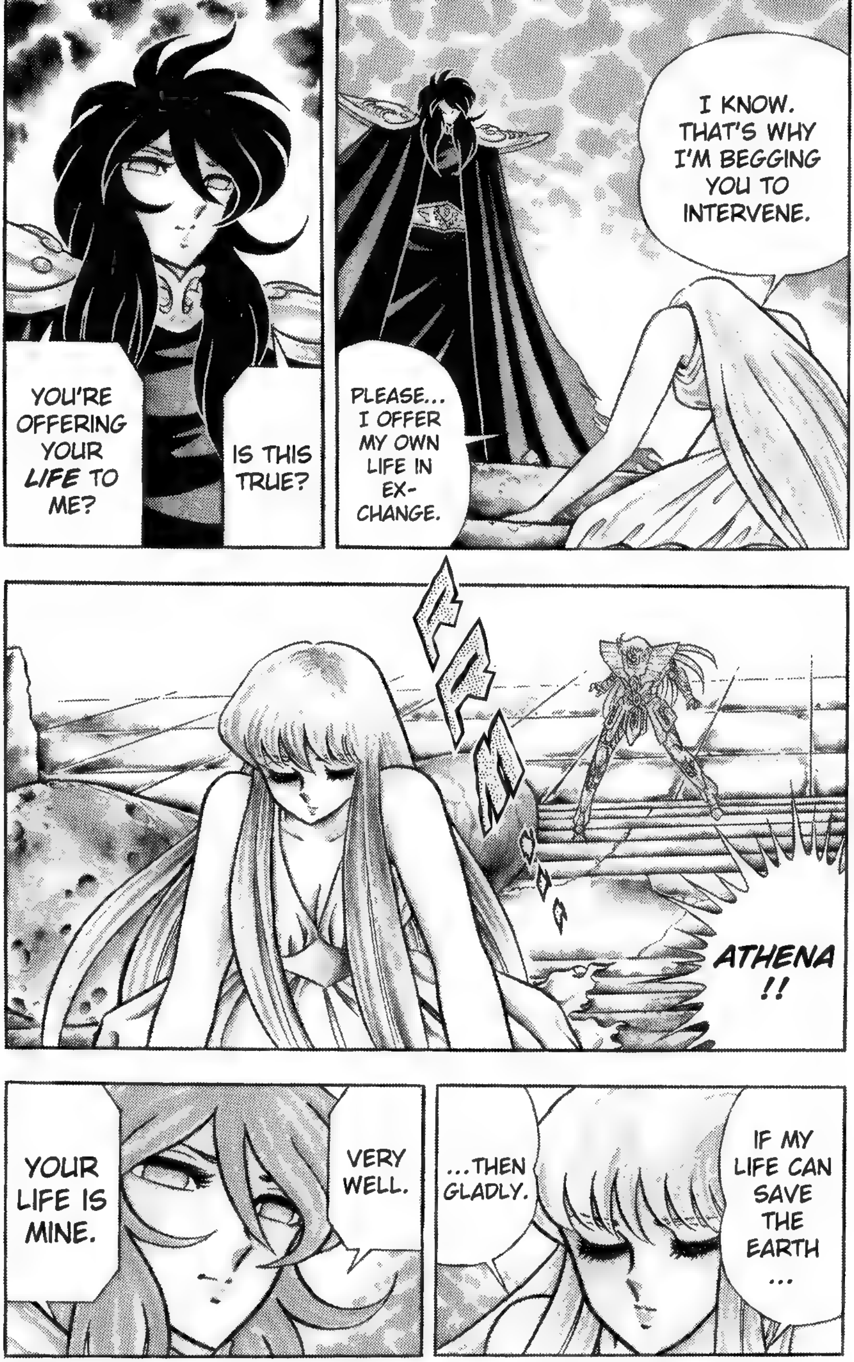
I KNOW HE'D WANT US TO DESTROY THIS MONSTER.
GRP
THE REAL SHUN IS AS GOOD AS DEAD.
HADES HAS COMPLETELY CONQUERED HIS BODY AND SOUL.
TAF
WE WOULD MERELY DAMAGE SHUN'S BODY, NOT HADES' SOUL.
I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE EASY TO KILL HADES WHILE HE'S INSIDE SHUN.

SHHK
SHHK
LOOK OUT!
DON'T GO ANY CLOSER !!
SHHK
ATHENA!
I WILL HANDLE HIM. DO NOT INTERFERE. UNDER-STOOD?
SHHK


HADES, I CAME HERE TO ASK A FAVOR.
A FAVOR?
SHOOF

PLEASE HALT THE GREATEST ECLIPSE.
DO NOT TURN THE EARTH INTO A WORLD OF DARKNESS.
HUH?
A... ATHENA ...
I NEVER IMAGINED I'D SEE *YOU*, MY ETERNAL ENEMY, GROVELING BEFORE ME ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES.
HMPH.

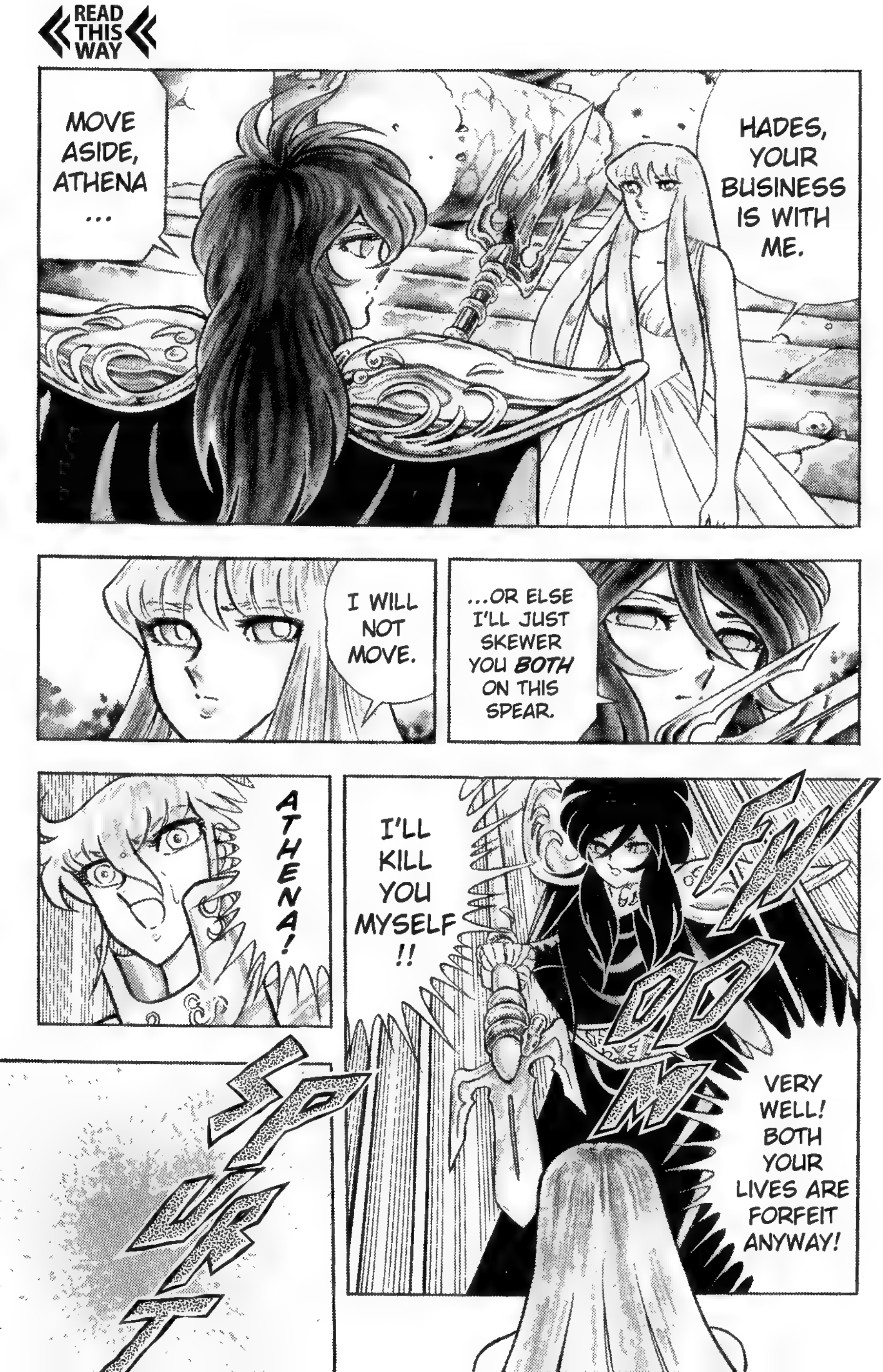
NOT EVEN YOU CAN STOP IT NOW, ATHENA !!
BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE. THE GREATEST ECLIPSE IS UNDERWAY. IN MINUTES, THE MOON WILL BLOCK THE SUN AND PLUNGE THE EARTH INTO PERPETUAL DARKNESS.


YOU'RE OFFERING YOUR *LIFE* TO ME?
IS THIS TRUE?
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY I'M BEGGING YOU TO INTERVENE.
PLEASE... I OFFER MY OWN LIFE IN EX-CHANGE.
ATHENA !!
YOUR LIFE IS MINE.
VERY WELL.
IF MY LIFE CAN SAVE THE EARTH ...
...THEN GLADLY.

SWOOSH
SHUK
UNH !!
THWP
SHAKA, KILL ATHENA WITH THAT TRIDENT.
WHAT ?

READ THIS WAY

SHOOF
KLANNG
ATHENA !!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO INTER-FERE.
I THINK I'LL GET RID OF YOU FIRST.
GRIP
I HEARD YOU WERE A COURTEOUS KNIGHT, SHAKA. I'M SCANDALIZED THAT YOU'D ATTACK A GOD.
WHIP


READ THIS WAY
HADES, YOUR BUSINESS IS WITH ME.
MOVE ASIDE, ATHENA ...
...OR ELSE I'LL JUST SKEWER YOU BOTH ON THIS SPEAR.
I WILL NOT MOVE.
VERY WELL! BOTH YOUR LIVES ARE FORFEIT ANYWAY!
I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF !!
ATHENA!

SHUNK
hff
hff
A...
ATHENA
...
GRK
WHAT'S THE MATTER? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GIVING ME YOUR LIFE.
OR DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
hff
hff
hff

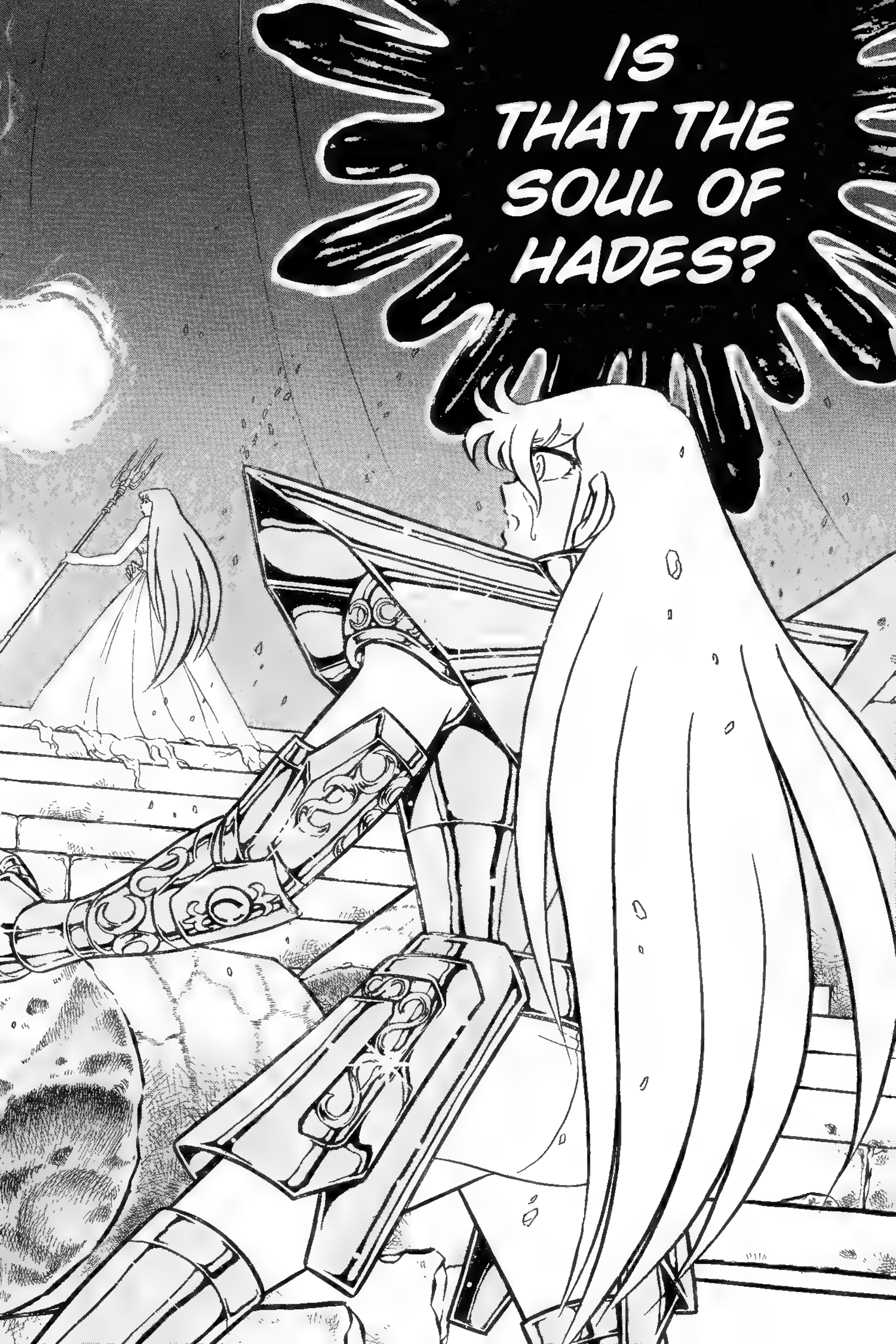
READ THIS WAY

I HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT EVERY LIVING THING ON EARTH !!
THAT IS WHAT I WAS BORN TO DO!!

KEEP AT IT, SHUN!!
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO CAST HADES OUT!!
AAARGH !!
AARGH!! WHAT IS THIS RAGING HEAT?
ATHENA'S BLOOD BURNS!!
OH!
WHAT ?
IT LOOKS LIKE ATHENA'S BLOOD HURTS HIM!
I...I FEEL IT...
I SENSE SHUN'S LOST COSMO REACTING TO MY BLOOD AND REAWAK-ENING!

GO, HADES!!
I...I CAN'T STAY IN THIS BODY ANY LONGER!!
LEAVE SHUN'S BODY!!
UNNH!! S...SO PAIN-FUL!!

WOOO


IS THAT THE SOUL OF HADES?

FWOOSH
ARRGH... INCON-CEIVABLE!
I CANNOT BELIEVE SHUN'S BODY REJECTED ME!
SHUN WAS PREDES-TINED TO BECOME MY VESSEL.
SO WHY?

SHUN WAS BORN TO BE THE ANDROMEDA KNIGHT, NOT TO HOST YOUR SOUL.
BECAUSE YOU WERE WRONG. YOU CHOSE POORLY.
YOU CHOSE THE WRONG ERA TO RETURN.
SUR-RENDER, HADES!
WH... WHAT?
HIS SOUL HAS BEEN REAWAK-ENED BY MY BLOOD.
YOU CAN NEVER POSSESS HIM AGAIN.

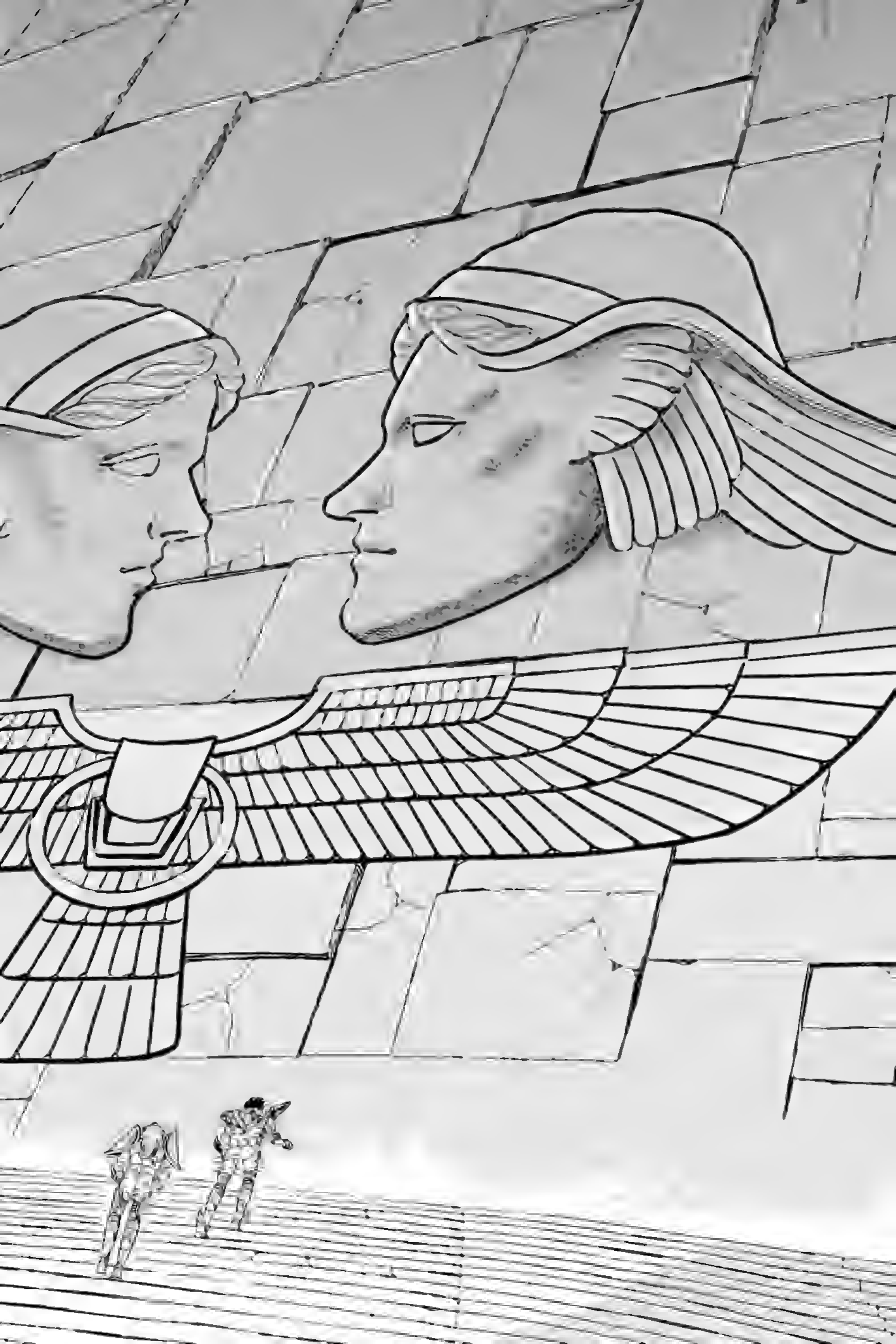
READ THIS WAY
YOU HAVE NO BODY TO BE REBORN INTO!!
YOU CANNOT BE FULLY REINCARNATED IN THIS AGE!!
NOW DO YOU SEE THAT FURTHER BATTLE IS POINTLESS? HALT THE GREATEST ECLIPSE...
ARRGH... SO CLOSE TO BRINGING ETERNAL DARKNESS TO THE EARTH...
I WILL NOT RETREAT WHILE THE EARTH IS STILL IN MY GRASP!
...AND GO BACK TO YOUR SLUMBER, HADES.
OH!
UNH !!

I SHALL DRAG YOU DOWN WITH ME!!

I'LL SEE YOUR FLESH DESTROYED TOO, ATHENA!!
ATHENA, WATCH OUT!!
UGH !!

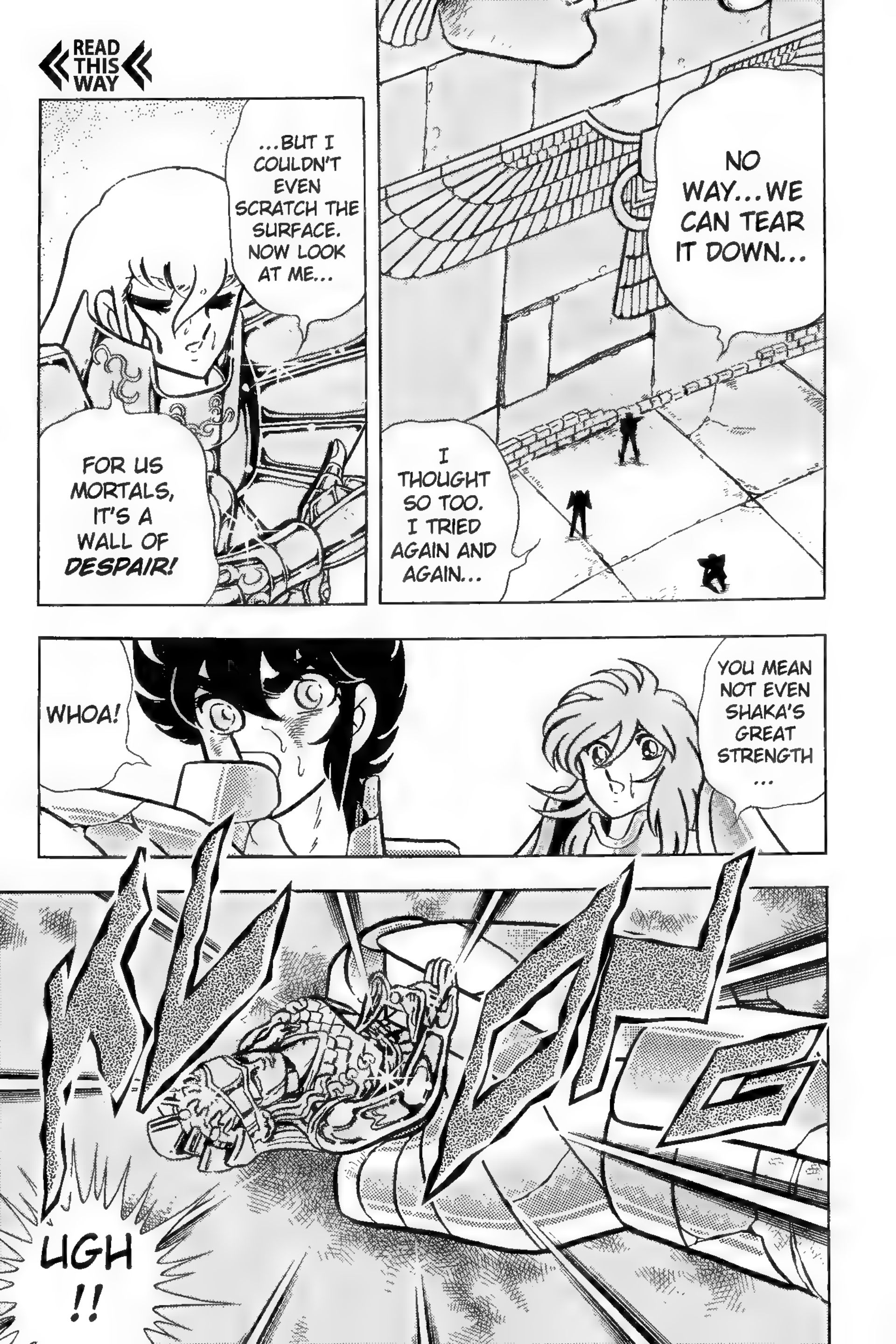
ATHENA !!
WHOA !!

READ THIS WAY

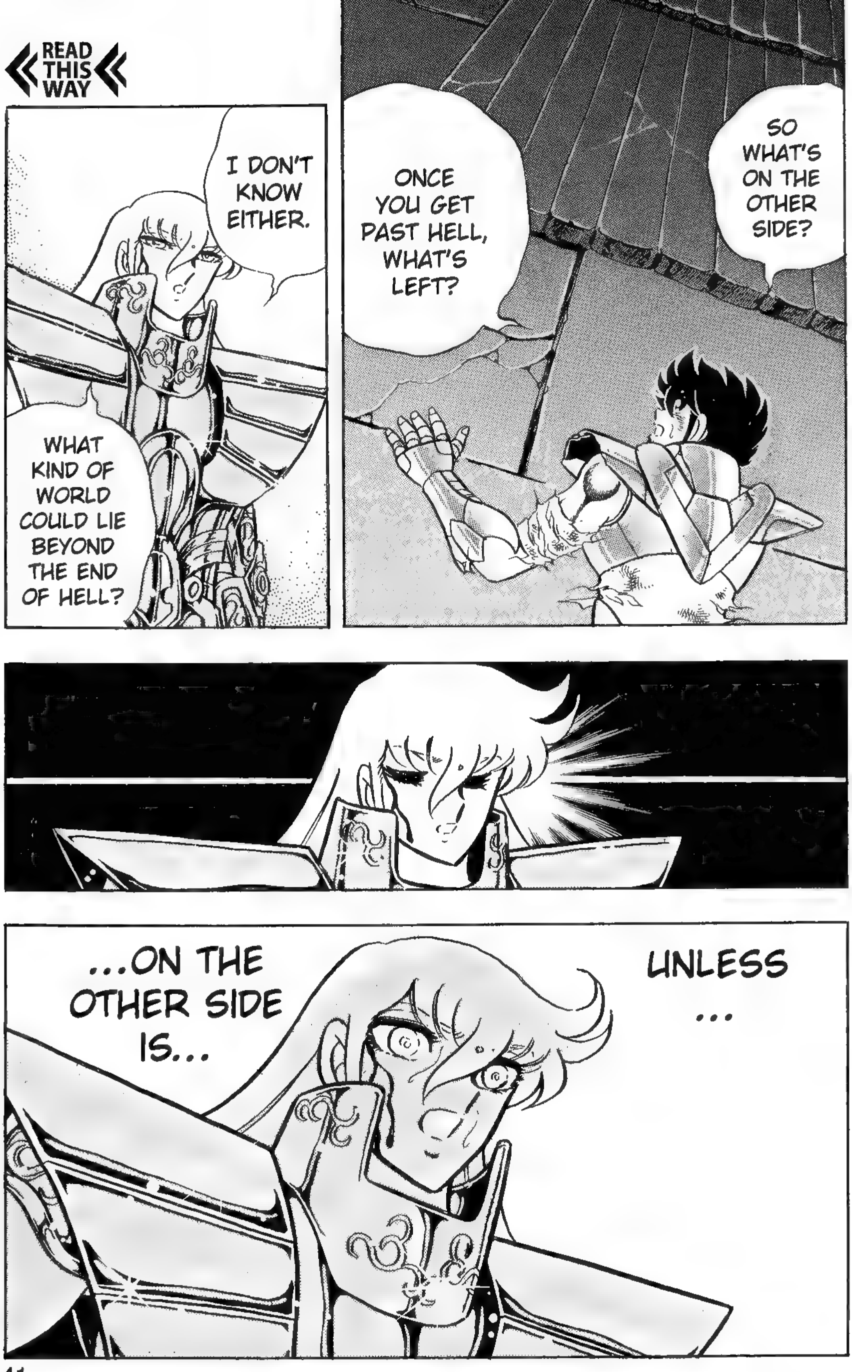


READ THIS WAY
SO WHERE'D ATHENA AND HADES GO?
IT'S JUST A DEAD END.
MAN, THAT WALL'S HUGE.
WHAT *IS* THIS THING?
THE END OF HELL.
THE WALL OF LAMENTATION.

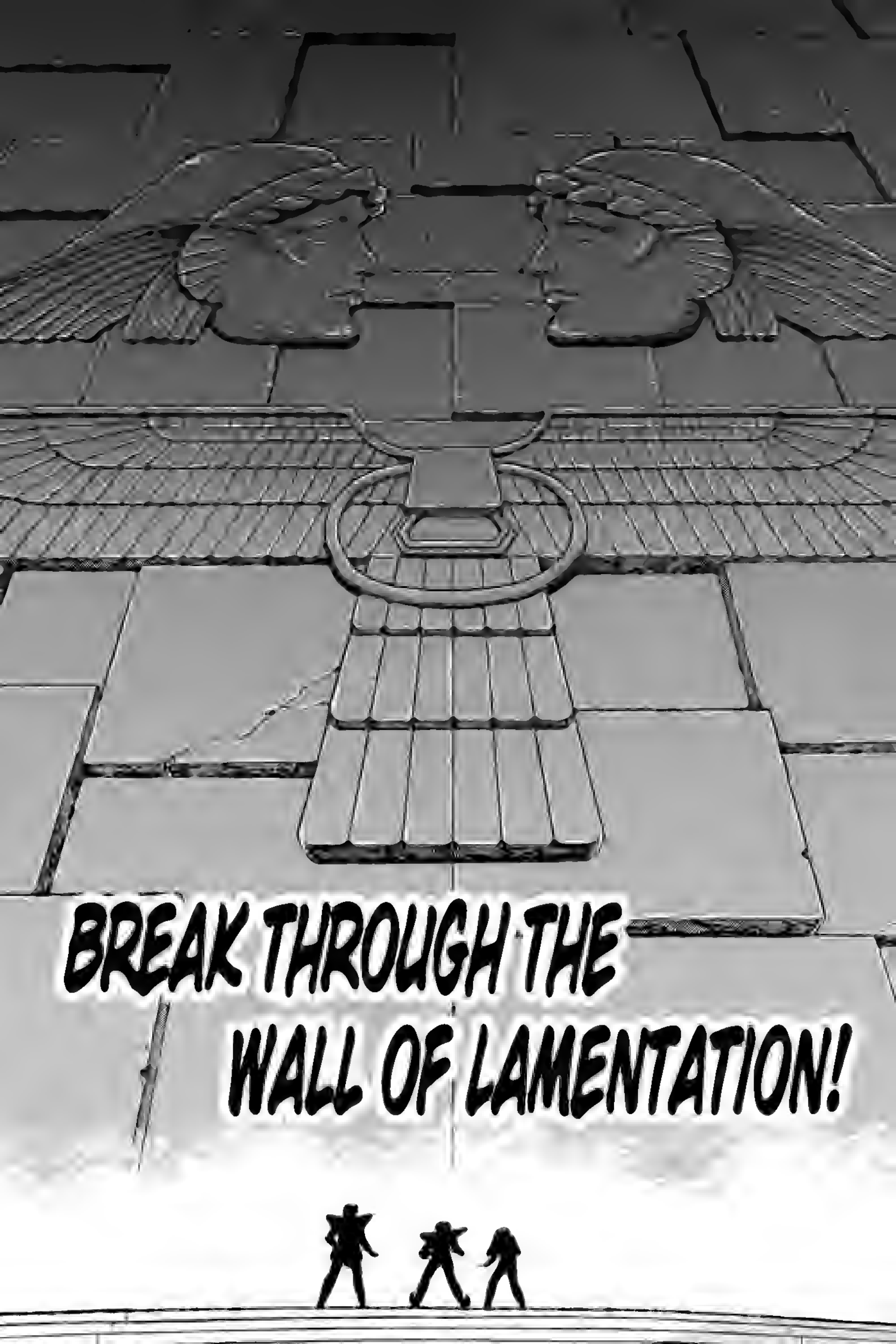
hff
hff
hff
SHAKA!!
ATHENA PURSUED HADES BEYOND THAT WALL.
HUH?
THEN WE'VE GOTTA HURRY...
IT'S HOPELESS.
THAT WALL IS THE WALL OF LAMENTATION.
ONLY THE GODS CAN PASS THROUGH IT.


READ THIS WAY
NO WAY...WE CAN TEAR IT DOWN...
I THOUGHT SO TOO. I TRIED AGAIN AND AGAIN...
...BUT I COULDN'T EVEN SCRATCH THE SURFACE. NOW LOOK AT ME...
FOR US MORTALS, IT'S A WALL OF DESPAIR!
YOU MEAN NOT EVEN SHAKA'S GREAT STRENGTH ...
WHOA!
UGH !!

SEIYA ...
WE WERE SO CLOSE TO HANDING PRINCESS SIENNA THE ATHENA CLOTH!
THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
IF WE DON'T GIVE ATHENA HER CLOTH, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO DESTROY HADES!
WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE AND DO NOTHING!
SHE'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!


SO WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE?
ONCE YOU GET PAST HELL, WHAT'S LEFT?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
WHAT KIND OF WORLD COULD LIE BEYOND THE END OF HELL?
UNLESS ...
...ON THE OTHER SIDE IS...

ELY-
SIUM
!!


BREAK THROUGH THE
WALL OF LAMENTATION!

SHUN, HANG ON TO ATHENA'S CLOTH FOR ME.
SEIYA... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
I'M GOING TO ELEVATE MY COSMO TO ITS LIMIT AND LAUNCH MYSELF AT THE WALL!
WHAT ELSE?

DON'T DO IT! DO YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH, SEIYA?
BUT THAT'S FUTILE!
NOT EVEN SHAKA AT FULL POWER COULD PUT A DENT IN IT!
SHUN... HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN?
SEIYA ...
WHEN WE PASSED THROUGH THE GATE OF HELL, WE VOWED WE'D NEVER GIVE UP HOPE.
THIS MAY BE A WALL OF DESPAIR TO EVERYONE BUT THE GODS...
...BUT I'LL NEVER GIVE IN TO DESPAIR, NO MATTER WHAT!

I SWEAR I'LL DESTROY THIS WALL AND STOP THE GREATEST ECLIPSE...AND HADES!!

SEIYA!
NOW MOVE ASIDE, SHUN !!
OH!
SHUN IS RIGHT, SEIYA!
MOVE ASIDE, SHAKA !!
WE WON'T KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL WE TRY!
EVEN IF YOU COMBUST YOUR COSMO AND THROW YOURSELF AT THE WALL, IT WON'T BUDGE.
YOU'LL JUST DIE IN VAIN.

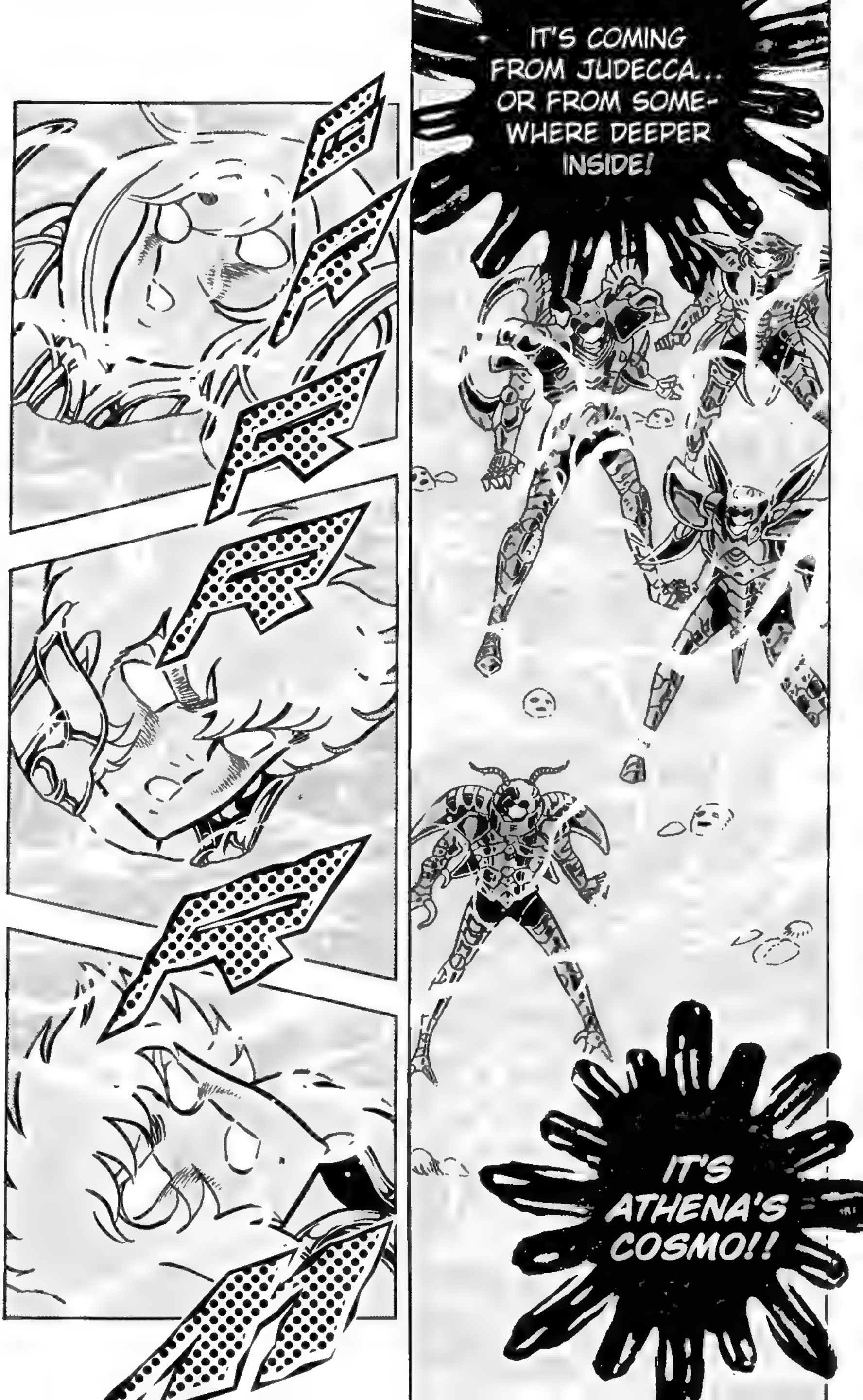
UNH!
SEIYA !!
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HEARD LONG AGO.
SH... SHAKA ...

THE ONLY THING THAT CAN DESTROY THE WALL OF LAMENTATION IS SUN-LIGHT.
SUN-LIGHT?
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
WE MORTALS SIMPLY CANNOT BRING DOWN THIS WALL.
SHAKA ...
BUT THAT'S ...
YES...THIS IS THE DEEPEST, DARKEST CORNER OF HELL. THE RAYS OF THE SUN CAN NEVER REACH HERE.

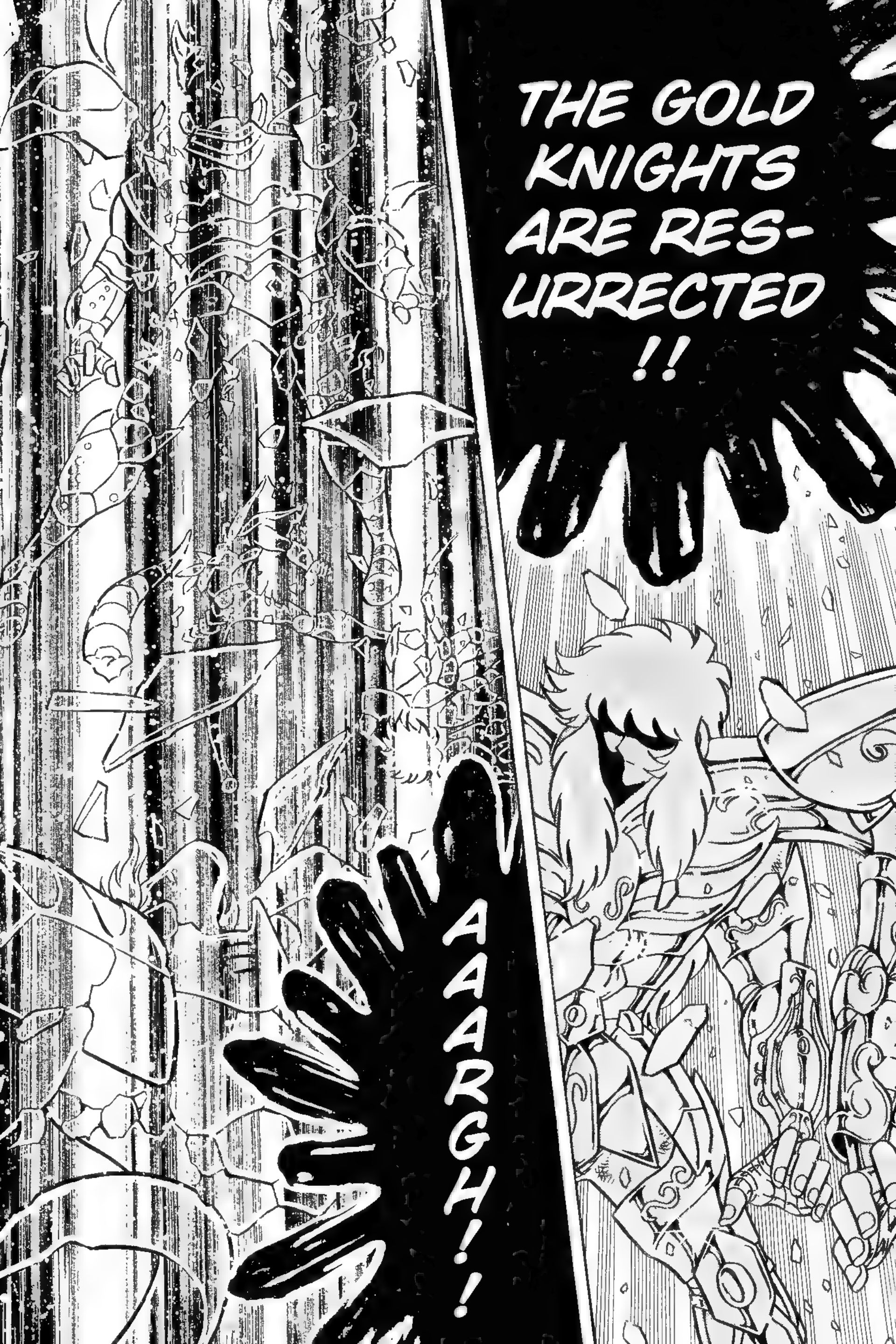
BUT ATHENA HAS PURSUED HADES INTO ELYSIUM, DEFENSE-LESS...
...AND THERE ARE ONLY A FEW MINUTES LEFT UNTIL THE EARTH IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS.
AS SEIYA SAID, EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW IT TO BE FUTILE, WE HAVE TO PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE.
SHAKA ...
DON'T TELL ME YOU KNOCKED SEIYA OUT JUST TO TAKE HIS PLACE...
KRASHINK

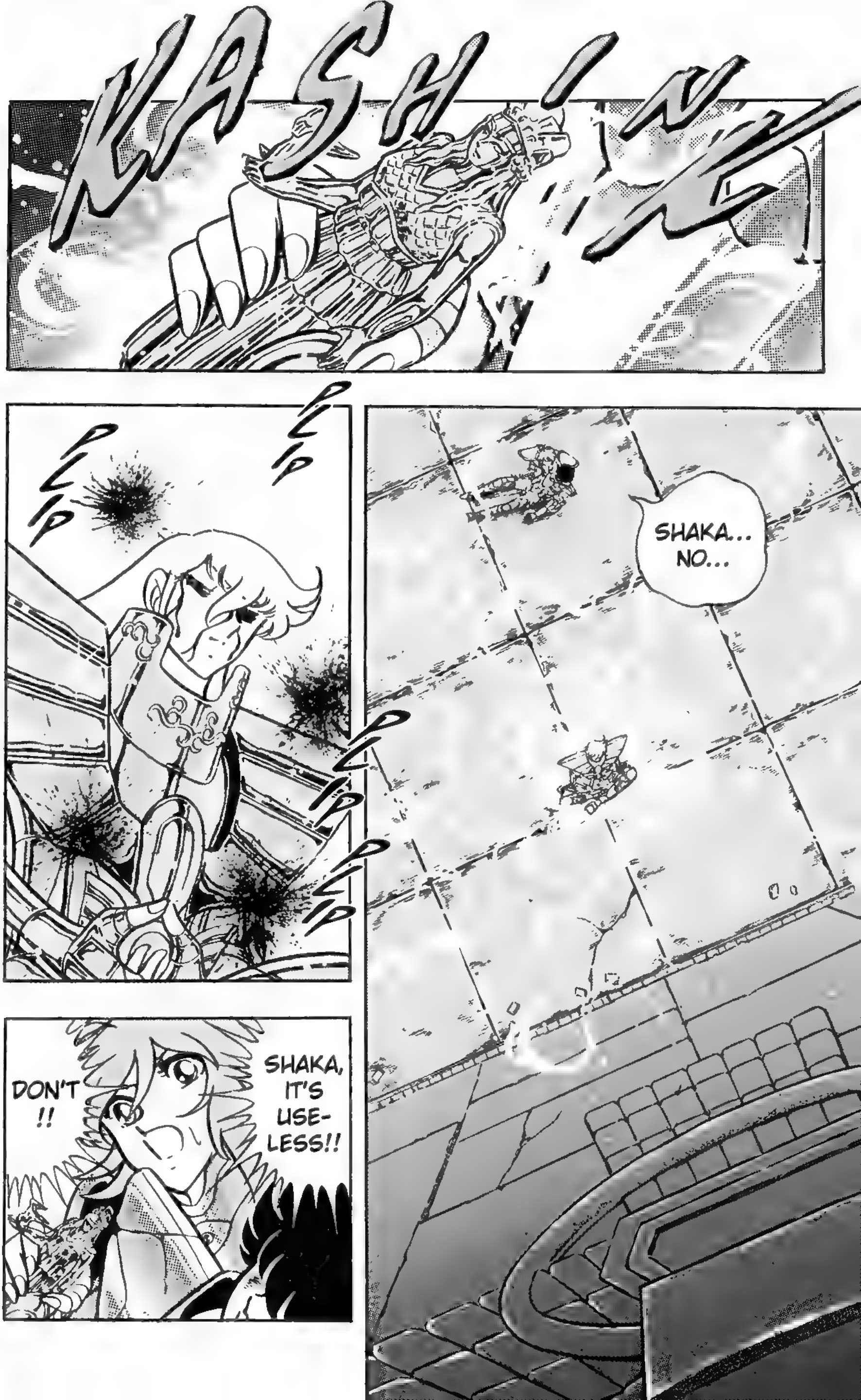
DOOM
DID PEGASUS DO THIS?
PROBABLY. HE WAS DUMPED HERE.
BUT HOW DID HE ESCAPE?
NO ONE CAN GET OUT OF THIS ICY HELL ALONE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE A MAN OF VALENTINE'S CALIBER WAS KILLED.
AND FROM HUNDREDS OF KICKS ALL DELIVERED IN AN *INSTANT*.

KASHINK
UNH !!
WHAT'S THAT COSMO ?


IT'S COMING FROM JUDECCA... OR FROM SOME-WHERE DEEPER INSIDE!
IT'S ATHENA'S COSMO!!

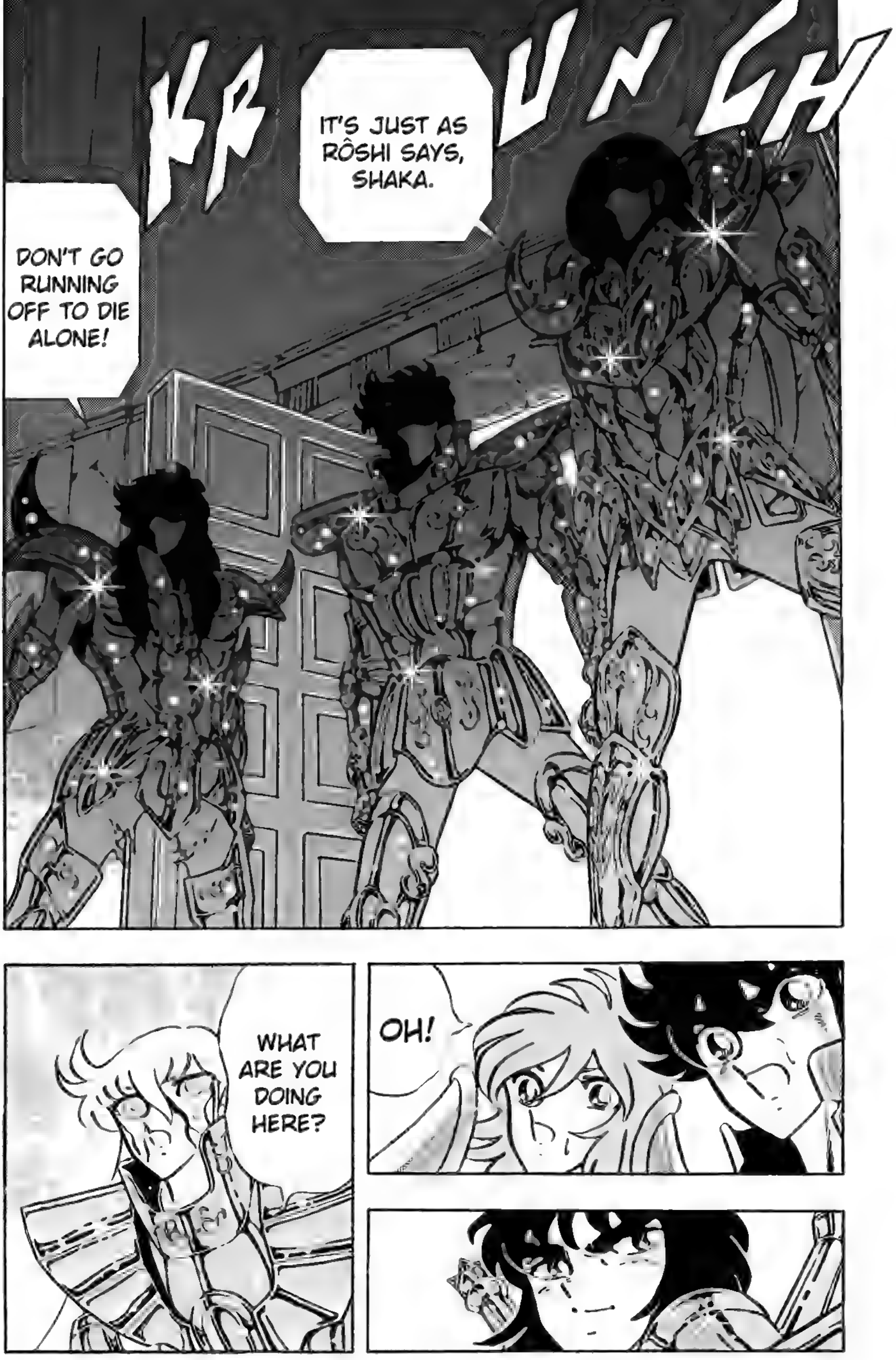
READ THIS WAY


THE GOLD KNIGHTS ARE RES-URRECTED !!
AAARGH!!!


KASHIN
SHAKA... NO...
PLIP PLIP PLIP
SHAKA, IT'S USELESS!!
DON'T !!

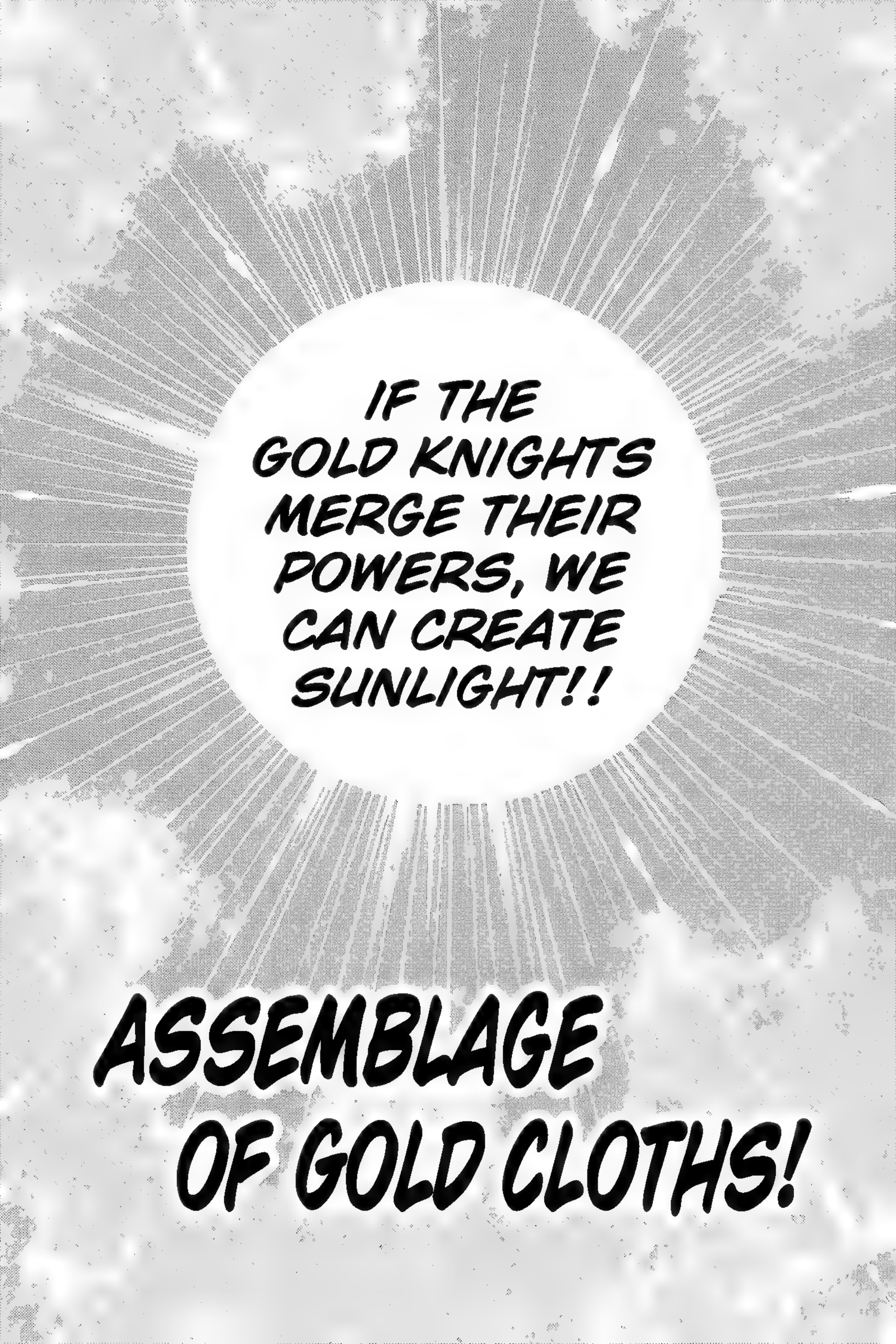
COM-
BUST,
MY
LIFE!!
OHM
HOLD ON, SHAKA!
OH!!

RÔSHI !!
LIBRA DÔKO !!
A MAN OF YOUR CALIBER SHOULDN'T DIE IN VAIN.
UNH ...
SEIYA ...
BUT RÔSHI ...


KRUNCH
IT'S JUST AS RÔSHI SAYS, SHAKA.
DON'T GO RUNNING OFF TO DIE ALONE!
OH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

MÛ!!
AIORIA!!
CHAK
SHAKA, ALLOW ME TO RETURN YOUR ROSARY.
LOOK! SO MANY OF THE BEADS HAVE ALREADY CHANGED COLOR.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU COULD ONLY DIE AFTER THEY'D ALL TURNED DARK.
MÛ...

MIRO !!
THAT'S RIGHT...THERE *IS* A WAY TO DESTROY THE WALL OF LAMENTATION!!

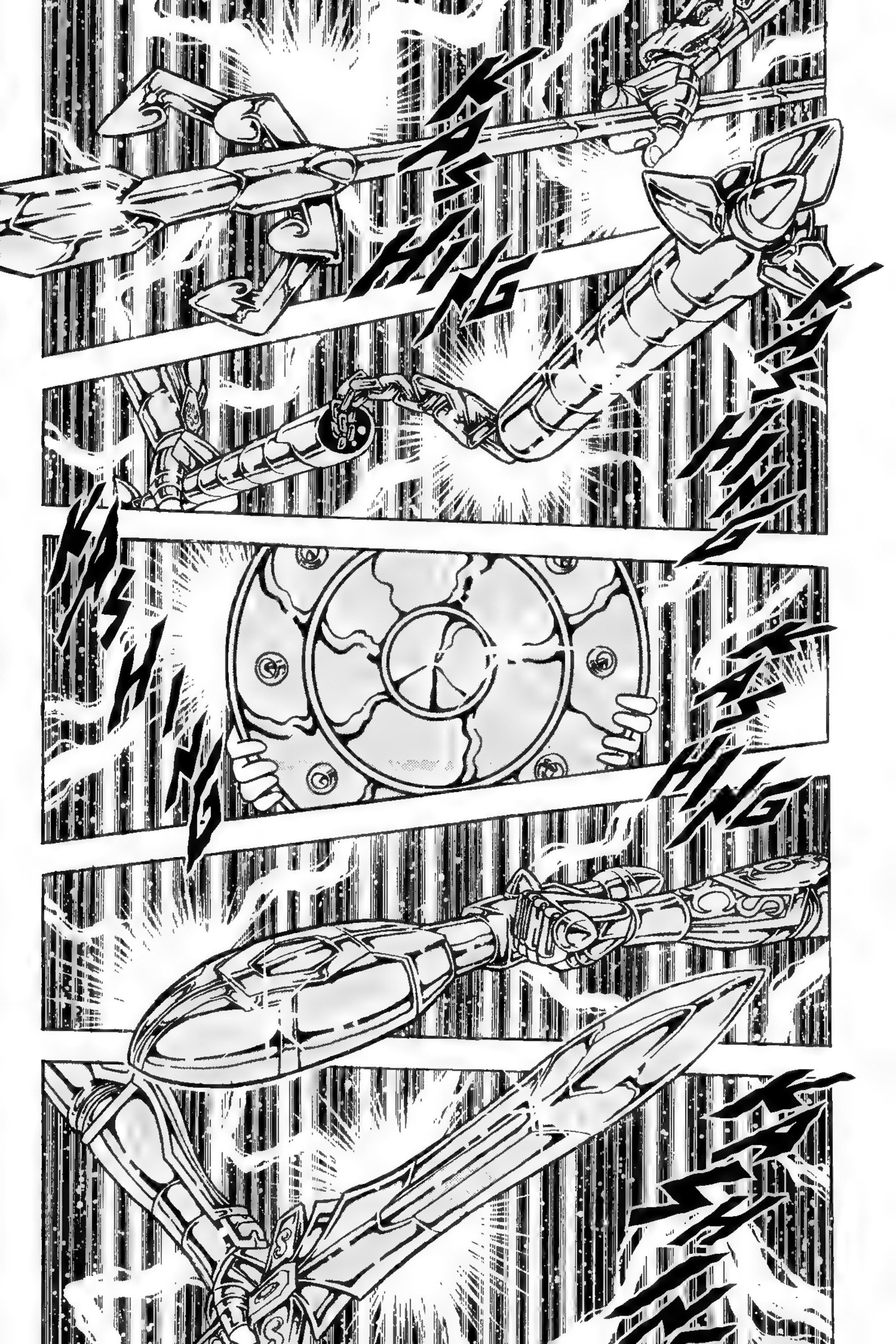

IF THE GOLD KNIGHTS MERGE THEIR POWERS, WE CAN CREATE SUNLIGHT!!
ASSEMBLAGE OF GOLD CLOTHS!

WHAT? BRING SUNLIGHT HERE?
DOOOOOM
HEH. HAVE YOU FORGOT-TEN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ROSHI?
YOU GUYS CAN CREATE SUNLIGHT BY MERGING YOUR POWERS?

THE GOLD KNIGHTS' GUARDIAN CONSTELLATIONS LIE ON THE ECLIPTIC...
...THE PATH IN THE SKY THAT THE SUN TRAVELS OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR.

NOW DO YOU SEE?
LYING ALONG THE SUN'S PATH, THE 12 GOLD CLOTHS HAVE BEEN BATHING IN SUNLIGHT SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS!
ALL THE INFINITE POWER OF THE SUN IS STORED WITHIN THEM!!

OH...
AH...
I SEE...
THEN, RÔSHI...
THAT'S RIGHT!! IF WE WHO CARRY THE SUN'S LIGHT ELEVATE OUR COSMOS AND THROW OURSELVES AT THE WALL AS ONE, WE CAN RECREATE THE SUN IN MINIATURE!



KASHING
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WE CAN DESTROY THE WALL OF LAMEN-TATION!!

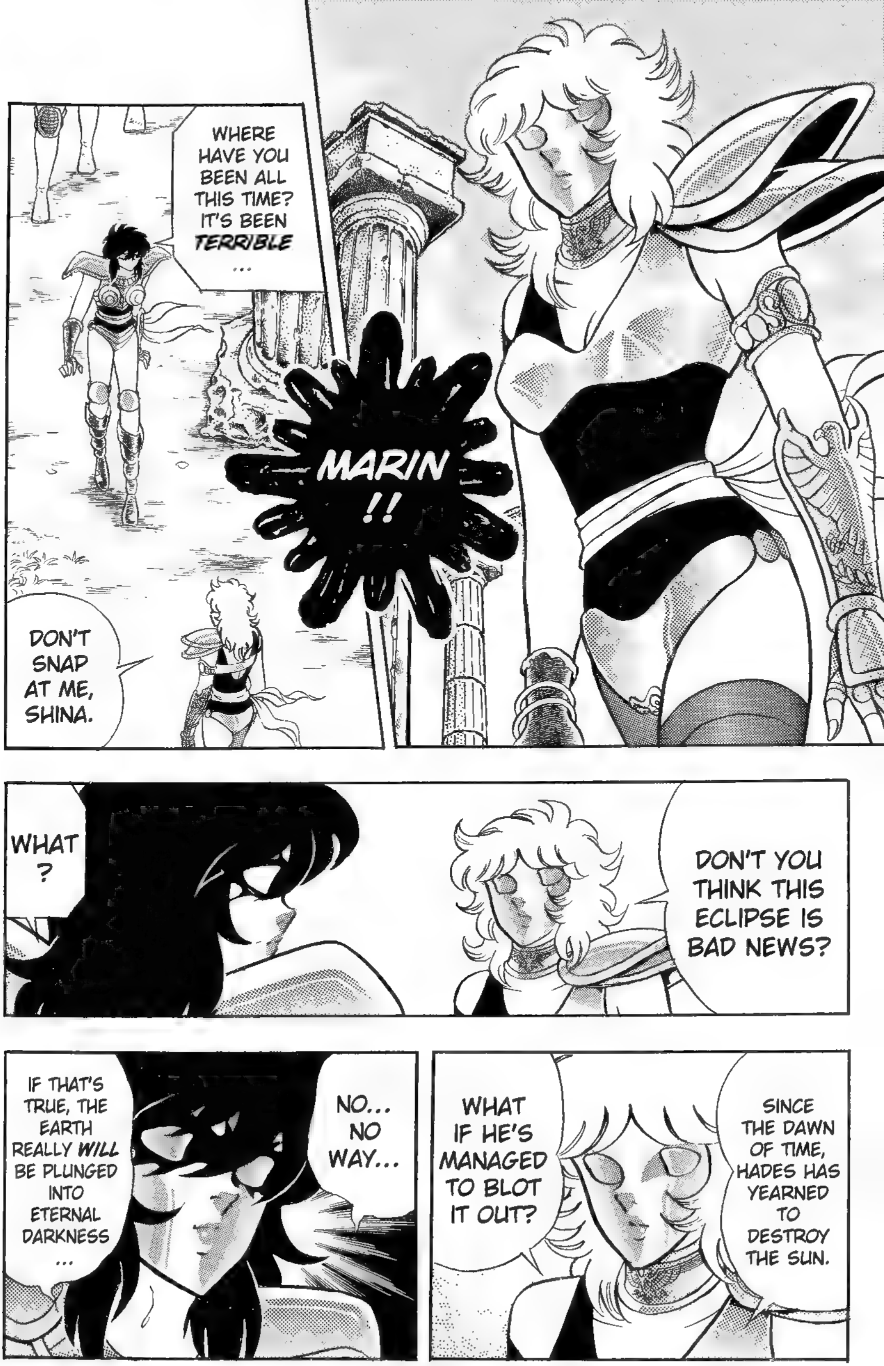
LET'S GO!!
LOOK AT THAT!!
THE GOLD KNIGHTS HAVE TAKEN UP LIBRA'S WEAPONS!!
FIRE YOUR COSMOS TO THEIR LIMITS!!
LET US MERGE INTO ONE BEING...
...AND BRING SUNLIGHT TO THE DEEPEST PIT OF HELL!!

LET THERE BE...

...LIGHT !!

SANCTU-
ARY...
AN ECLIPSE, HUH?
AN INAUSPICIOUS OMEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
NO KIDDING. I'VE GOT THIS WEIRD FEELING, LIKE MR. SUN IS NEVER GOING TO SHOW HIS FACE AGAIN...
HEY, WATCH YOUR WORDS, BOYS!

MISS SHINA!
SEIYA AND THE OTHERS ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN THE UNDERWORLD.
NOW'S THE TIME FOR US TO DEFEND SANCTUARY, NOT LOSE HEART.
SORRY, MA'AM...
HEH...BUT IF THINGS GO BADLY, THIS REALLY MIGHT BE THE LAST WE SEE OF THE SUN.
HUH?
OH!
YOU!


WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME? IT'S BEEN TERRIBLE ...
MARIN !!
DON'T SNAP AT ME, SHINA.
DON'T YOU THINK THIS ECLIPSE IS BAD NEWS?
WHAT ?
SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME, HADES HAS YEARNED TO DESTROY THE SUN.
WHAT IF HE'S MANAGED TO BLOT IT OUT?
NO... NO WAY...
IF THAT'S TRUE, THE EARTH REALLY WILL BE PLUNGED INTO ETERNAL DARKNESS ...

READ THIS WAY
LOOK !!
WHAT THE...
SOMETHING JUST SHOT OUT OF THE PALACE OF THE CENTAUR!!
MARIN, THAT'S ...
YEAH!
ONCE AGAIN ...
...AIOROS' SOUL HAS LEFT TO HELP...
WAIT !!
LOOK! IT'S NOT JUST THE PALACE OF THE CENTAUR!

THE PALACE OF THE JEW-ELED URN!!
THE PALACE OF THE ROCK GOAT!!
THE PALACE OF THE GOLDEN BULL!!
WHOA...THE SOULS OF ALL THE DEAD GOLD KNIGHTS!

THE PALACE OF THE GIANT CRAB TOO!!
AND THE PALACE OF THE TWIN FISH!!
THEY'RE ALL FLYING TO THE UNDER-WORLD...

THEY DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT!
I...I CAN'T BELIEVE THE WALL HELD AGAINST THE GOLD KNIGHTS...
RÔSHI!!
UNNH...
UNH...
UGH.
UNNH...

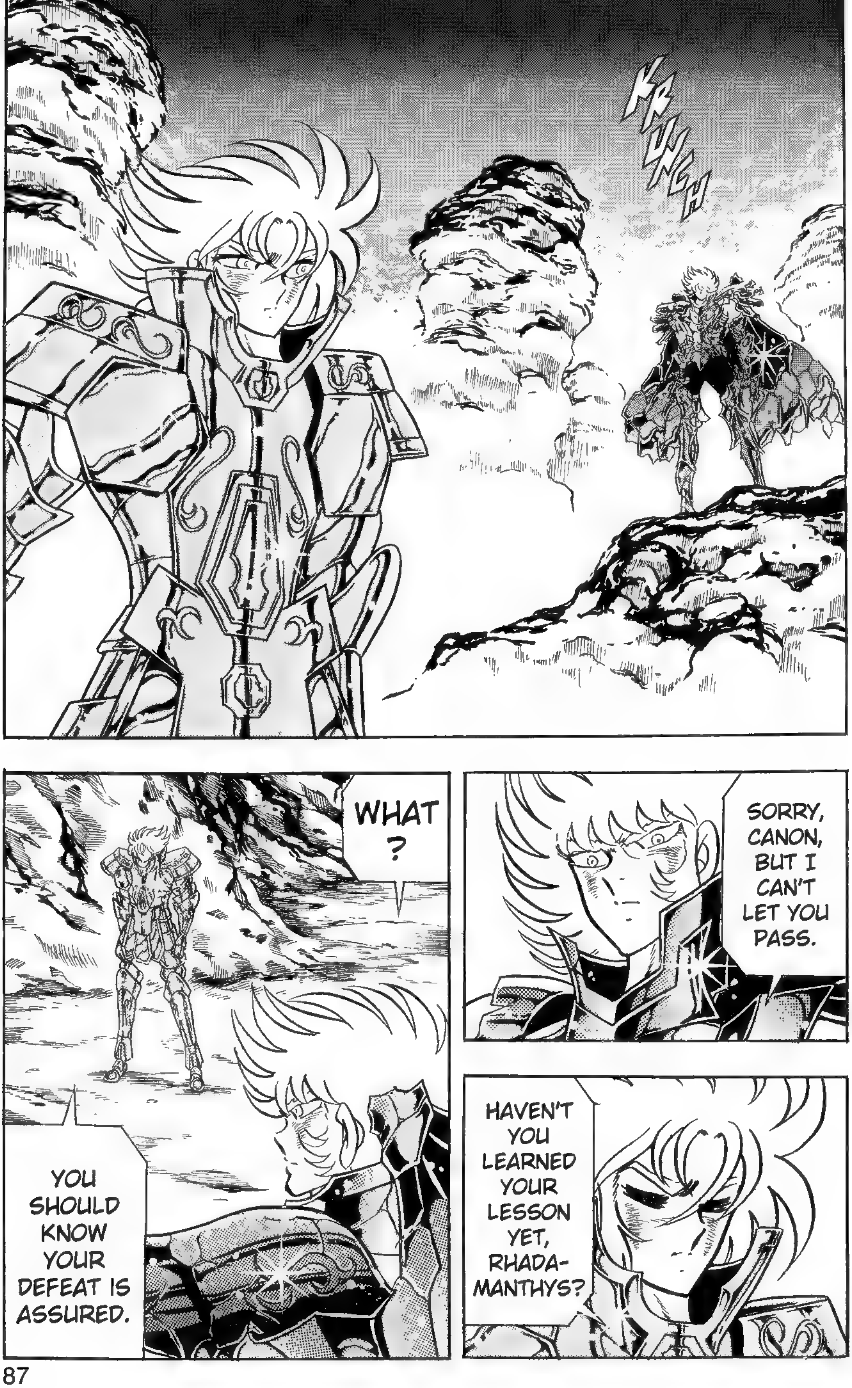
THIS TIME, LET US TRY!!
I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
I NEVER IMAGINED THE WALL OF LAMENTATION WAS THIS SOLID...
FORGET IT...IF SHAKA'S RIGHT, AND THIS IS THE WALL THAT SEPARATES HELL FROM ELYSIUM...
...MERE HUMAN STRENGTH CAN'T POSSIBLY BUDGE IT.
IF ONLY ALL THE GOLD KNIGHTS COULD BE HERE...
IT'S NO USE.
WITH THE GOLD CLOTHS, I KNOW WE CAN DO IT!
BUT WE DESTROYED POSEI-DON'S PILLARS!!

OH...
WHAT'S THAT?
THE CLOTHS OF THE DECEASED GOLD KNIGHTS!

ALL 12 GOLD CLOTHS ARE HERE IN THE UNDER-WORLD!!

THEY'RE RESONATING JOYFULLY TOGETHER!!

TH... THIS RING-ING...
THE OTHER GOLD CLOTHS ARE CALLING MY GEMINI CLOTH!
THE 12 GOLD CLOTHS ARE ASSEMBLING HERE IN THE UNDER-WORLD!
AND GIVEN THE TONE OF THEIR RESO-NANCE...
...THINGS MUST BE URGENT. I'VE GOT TO HURRY!


KRUNCH
WHAT ?
SORRY, CANON, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU PASS.
YOU SHOULD KNOW YOUR DEFEAT IS ASSURED.
HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON YET, RHADA-MANTHYS?

GO, GEMINI!!
JOIN YOUR BROTHER GOLD CLOTHS!!
SHOOM
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING, TAKING OFF YOUR CLOTH?
WHAT?
I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. I'M RETURNING IT TO MY BROTHER SAGA.

FARE-WELL, GEMINI. I'M COUNTING ON YOU, SAGA.
NOW THAT I'VE DONE MY DUTY...
...I CAN DEVOTE ALL MY ATTENTION TO *YOU*, RHADAMANTHYS.
FOOL!!

GREAT-
EST
CAUTION
!!

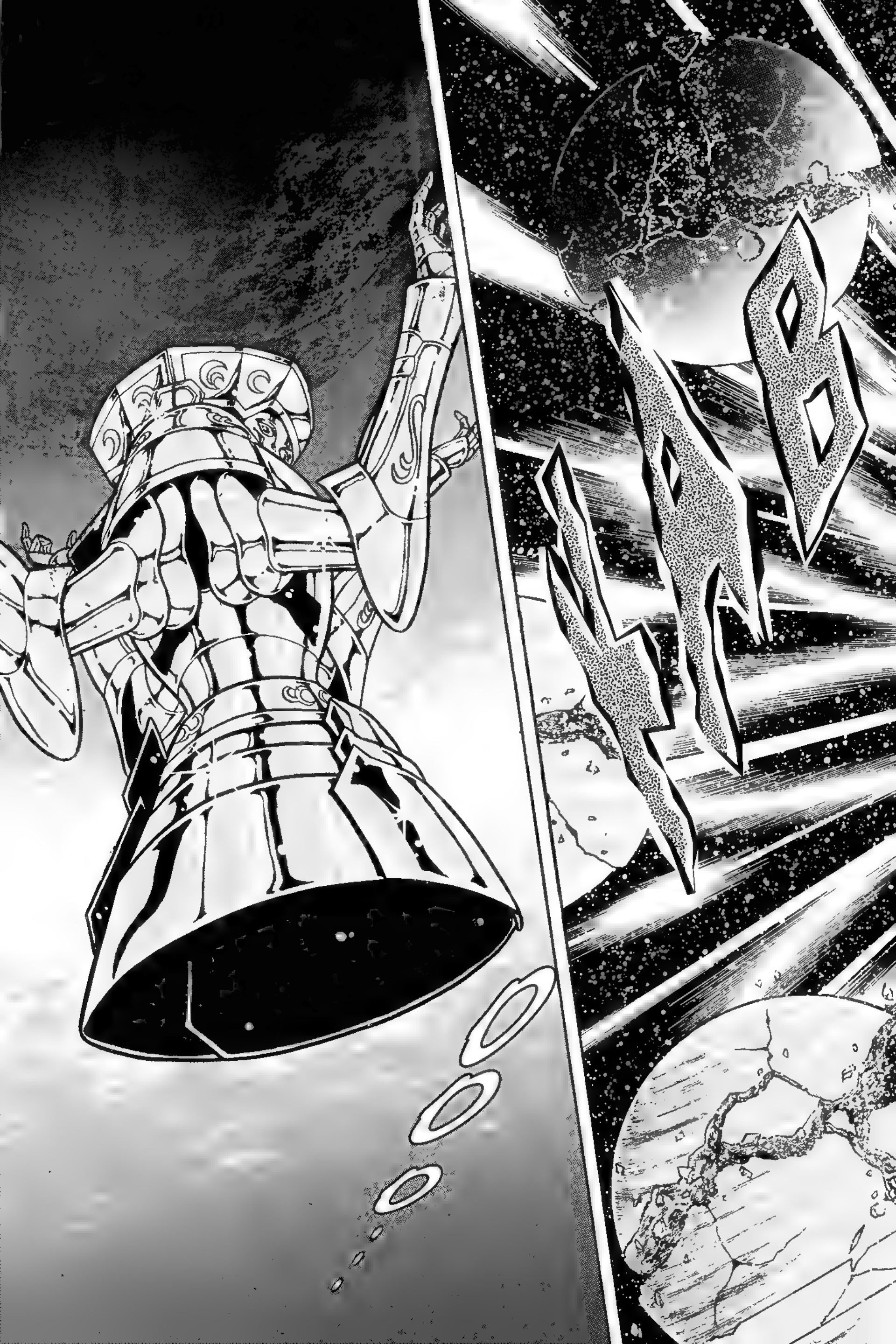
YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN WIN WITHOUT YOUR CLOTH?

I DON'T WANT TO WIN.
I JUST WANT TO TAKE YOU WITH ME...
UNH!
WHAT?
...INTO DEATH!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE A MAN OF YOUR CALIBER WOULD RESORT TO A SUICIDE STRIKE...
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I TOLD YOU, MY WORK HERE IS DONE.
THE SUPREME GOLDEN 12 HAVE AS-SEMBLED IN JUDECCA.
OUR VICTORY IS NOW AS-SURED!
I'VE ATONED FOR MY PAST SINS. I'VE GOT NOTHING TO FEAR !!
NOW COME EXPERIENCE THE GALAXIAN EXPLOSION WITH ME, RHADA-MANTHYS!!
ST... STOP IT, CANON !!

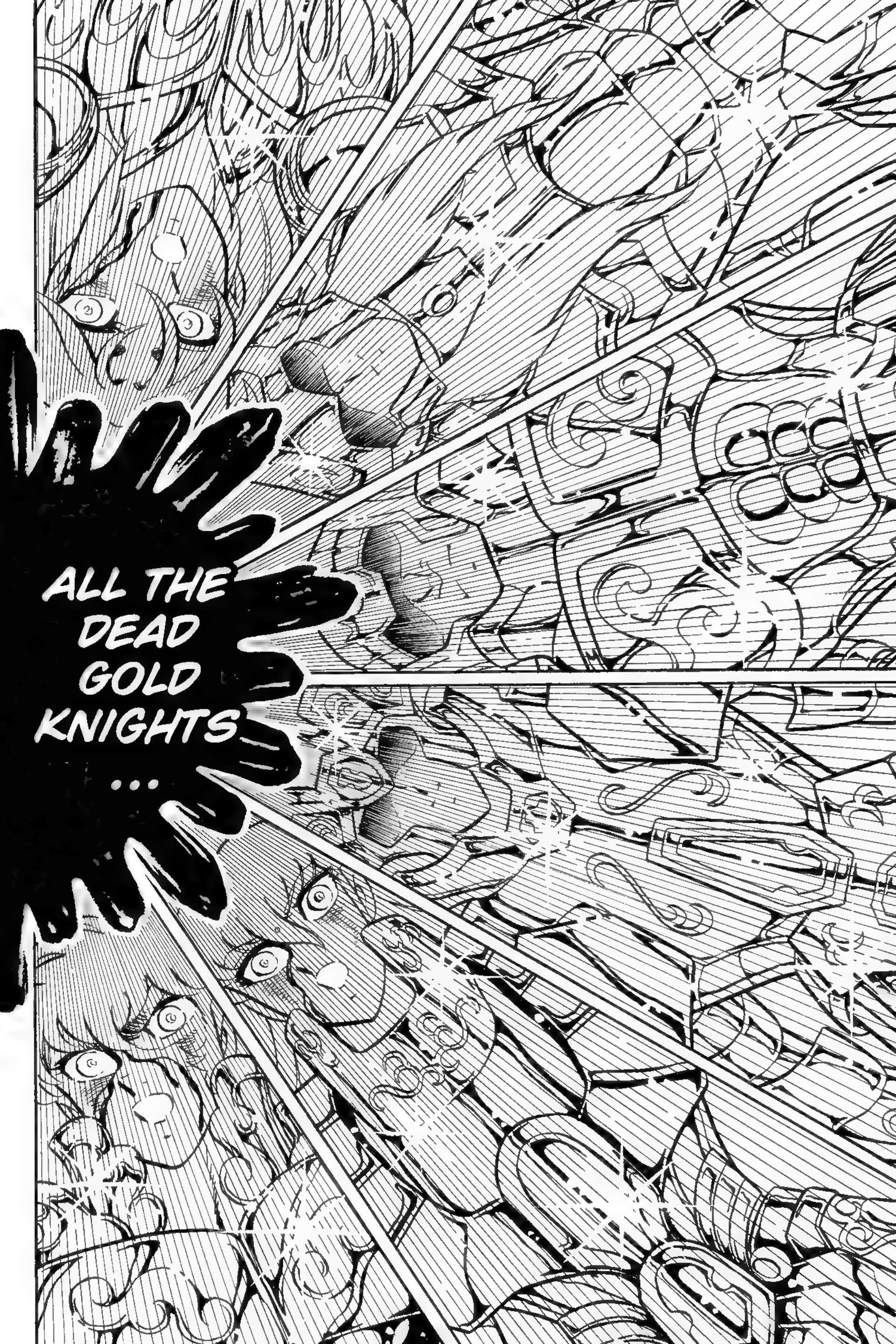
SHIRYÛ !!
I SEE IT!!
NOOO!!
THAT WAS ...
... CANON !!

DOOM



KEEEEN
THE CLOTH MADE IT HERE ALONE!!
THAT'S THE GEMINI CLOTH THAT CANON WORE!!
KASHN
UNH !!
WHAT THE...
THIS IS...

KASHIING
WHOA! LOOK !!
NO! WHY ARE ALL THE DEAD KNIGHTS' GOLD CLOTHS FLYING APART?


ALL THE DEAD GOLD KNIGHTS ...

...HAVE RE-TURNED !!

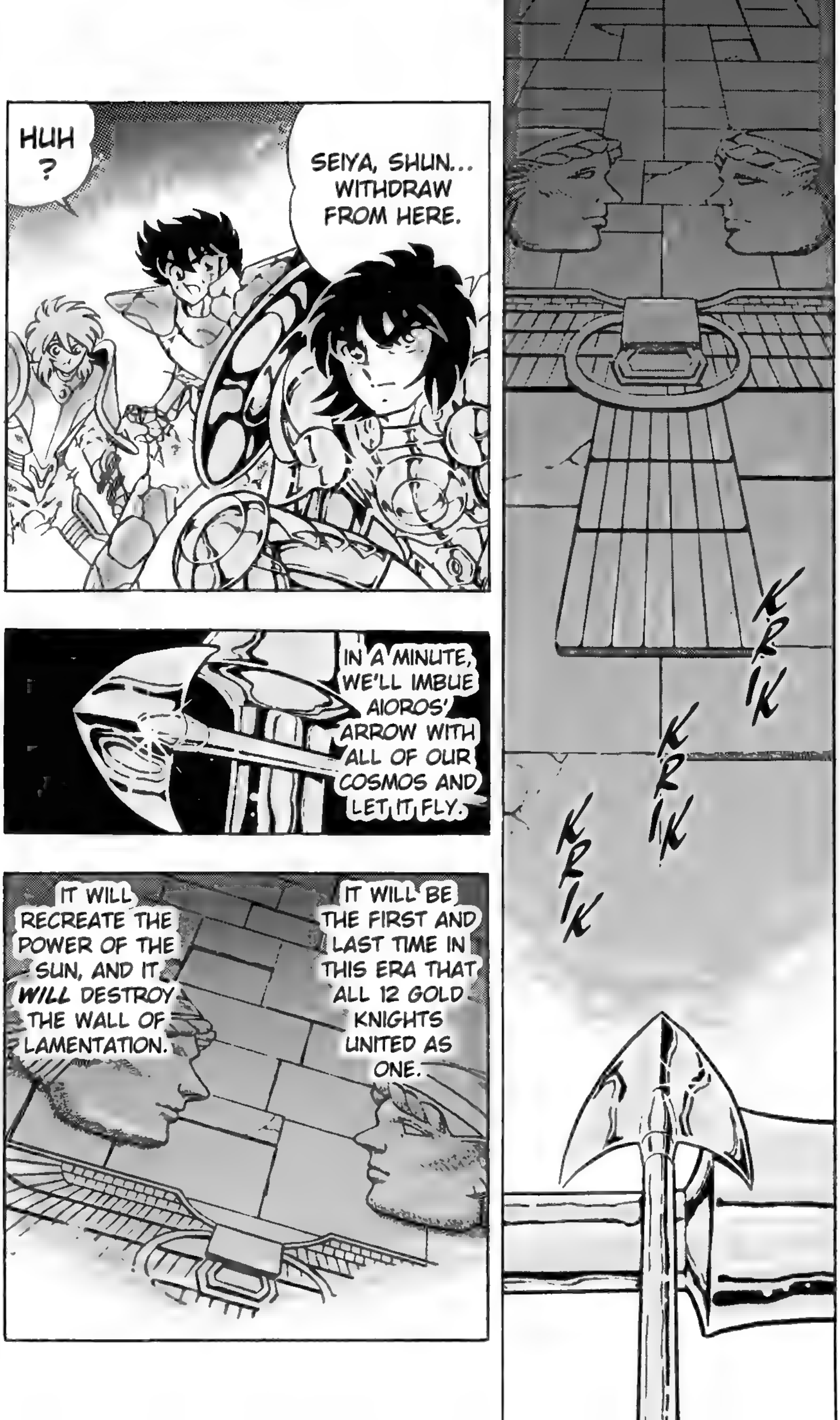
TAURUS ALDEBARAN!!
SAGITTARIUS AIOROS!!
AQUARIUS CAMUS!!
PISCES APHRO-DITE!!

GEMINI SAGA!!
CANCER MEPHISTO!!
CAPRICORN SHURA!!

EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE ALL DIED...
...YOUR FLESH OBLITERATED, ONLY YOUR SOULS REMAINING...

...YOU'RE STILL READY TO FIGHT FOR ATHENA, EARTH AND JUSTICE!!

OH...
AIOROS HAS NOTCHED HIS ARROW!


HUH ?
SEIYA, SHUN... WITHDRAW FROM HERE.
IN A MINUTE, WE'LL IMBUE AIOROS' ARROW WITH ALL OF OUR COSMOS AND LET IT FLY.
IT WILL BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME IN THIS ERA THAT ALL 12 GOLD KNIGHTS UNITED AS ONE.
IT WILL RECREATE THE POWER OF THE SUN, AND IT ***WILL*** DESTROY THE WALL OF LAMENTATION.
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK

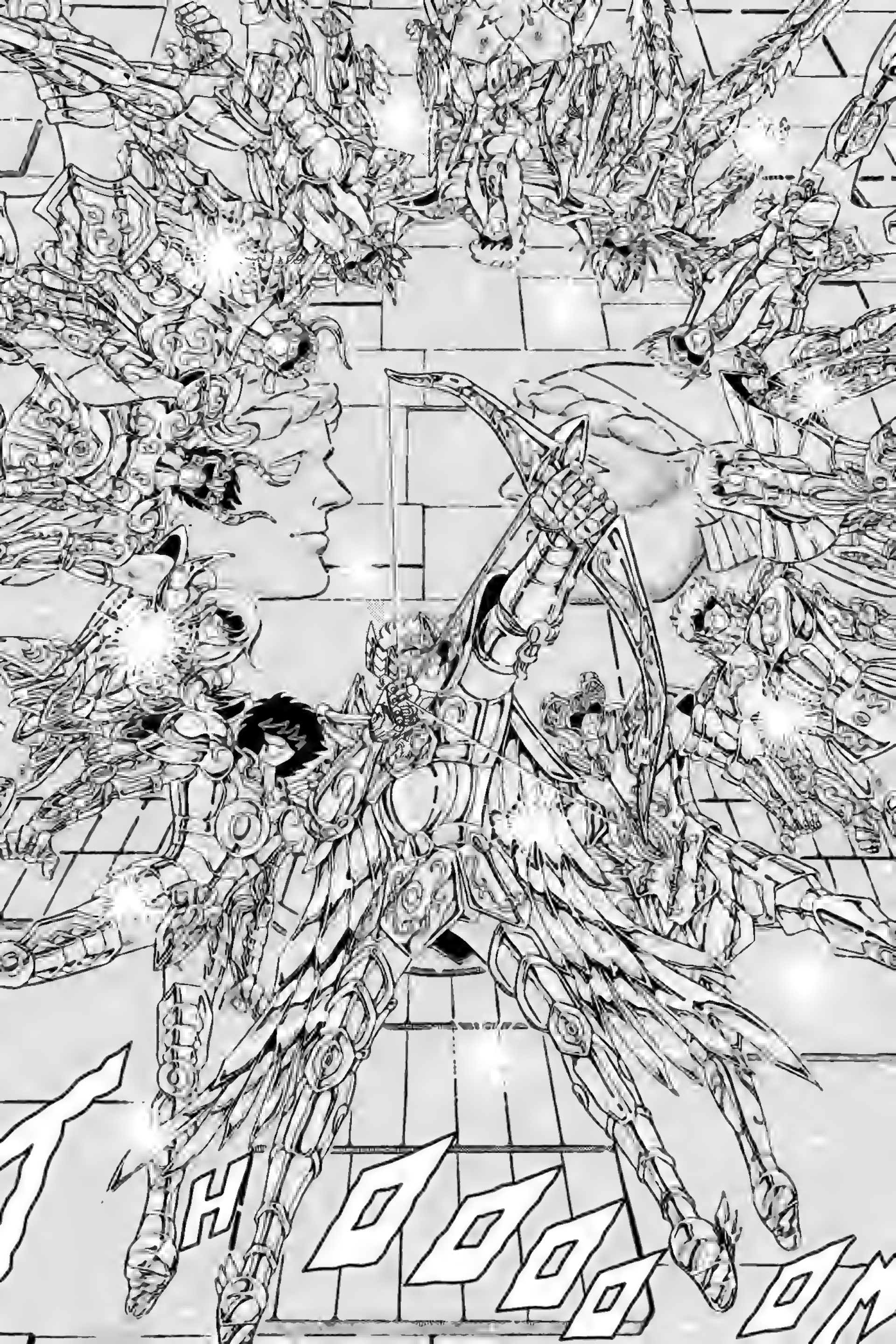
READ THIS WAY

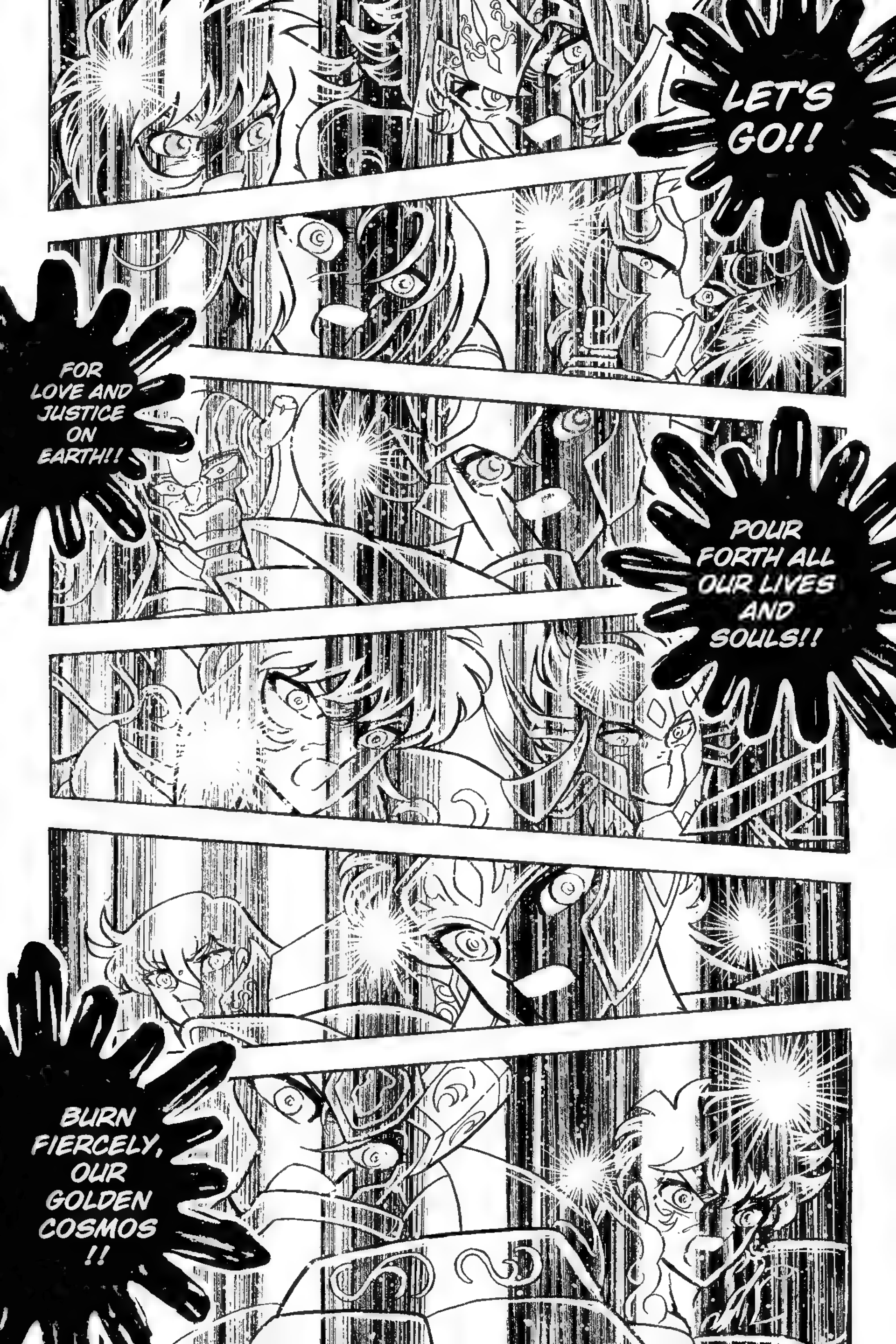
YOUR BODIES ARE ANNOINTED WITH A GOD'S BLOOD!!
BECAUSE YOU'VE RECEIVED THE BLOOD OF A GOD...YOU'RE WEARING CLOTHS SPRINKLED WITH ATHENA'S BLOOD!!
OH...
CAN WE DO THAT?
END IT FOR-EVER?
END, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE BATTLE AGAINST HADES WE'VE FOUGHT OVER AND OVER SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS.
WE LEARNED THIS DURING THE LAST BATTLE OF THE GODS. SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS, HADES HAS KEPT HIS TRUE FLESH IN A STATE OF SLUMBER.
HUH?
LISTEN CLOSELY. YOU MUST TRAVEL THE PATH TO ELYSIUM THAT ONLY THE GODS USE.

HADES HAS A NARCISSISTIC LOVE FOR HIS OWN BEAUTIFUL BODY, BORN FROM THE GODS KRONOS AND RHEA.
HE HAS PRESERVED IT SO THAT ON THE DAY HE TAKES OVER THE EARTH HE'LL HAVE THE SAME BODY HE DID IN ANCIENT TIMES.
HE DETESTS HARMING HIS FLESH IN ANY WAY, WHICH IS WHY HE CHOOSES A HOST BODY WHEN HE RESURRECTS.
THIS TIME AROUND, SHUN, HE CHOSE YOURS.
YES ...
ARE YOU SAYING ...
THAT'S RIGHT!! YOU MUST FIND HADES' TRUE BODY, ASLEEP SOMEWHERE IN ELYSIUM, AND STRIKE A MORTAL BLOW!!
IF YOU SUCCEED, HADES WILL GIVE UP HIS AMBITIONS AGAINST EARTH AND WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO FIGHT HIM AGAIN!!

NOW RUN TO SAFETY! HURRY!!
RÔSHI ...
OKAY. WE SWEAR WE'LL MAKE IT TO ELYSIUM...
...AND DELIVER ATHENA'S CLOTH TO HER.
IN THAT MOMENT ...
...I FELT AS IF THE GOLDEN 12 SMILED GENTLY AT US...
...LIKE OUR BIG BROTH-ERS!
I GUESS WE'D BEEN FIGHTING TOGETHER, SIDE BY SIDE, SINCE THE AGE OF MYTHS.

WE WERE BROTH-ERS IN ARMS!!...
...AND THE TIME HAD COME TO BID EACH OTHER GOODBYE.
FAREWELL, FELLOW HOT-BLOODED WARRIORS...
FARE-WELL...
...GOLD KNIGHTS...




LET'S GO!!
FOR LOVE AND JUSTICE ON EARTH!!
POUR FORTH ALL OUR LIVES AND SOULS!!
BURN FIERCELY, OUR GOLDEN COSMOS!!

BRING TO THIS WORLD OF DARK-NESS...

. . .A GLORIOUS RAY OF LIGHT!!

hff
hff
hff
hff
THUMP
OH!
MINOS!!
WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE WALL OF LAMENTATION?
MOVE ASIDE!
NO WAY!
WE WON'T LET YOU PASS!!

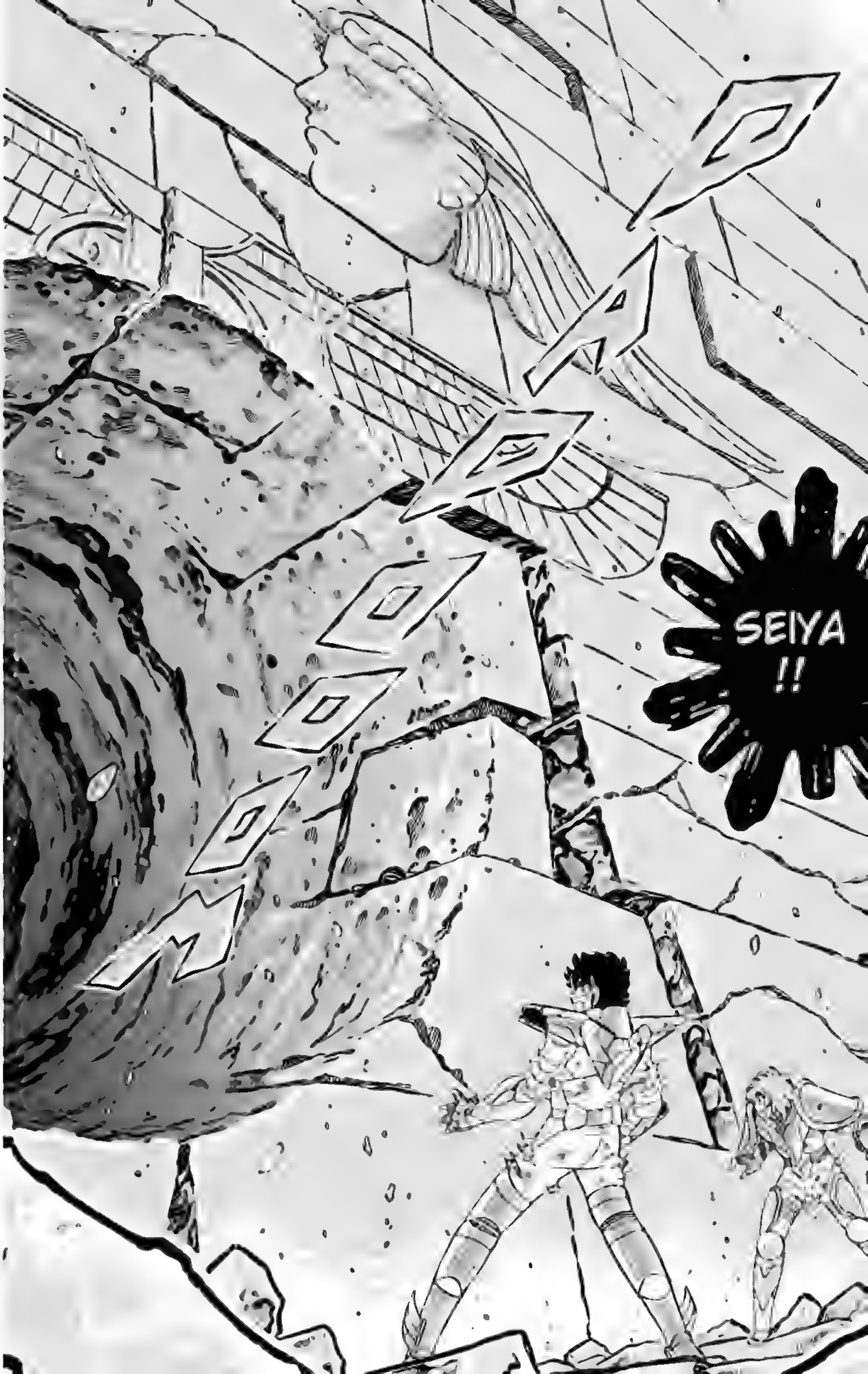
FOOLS !!

WHAT?
THAT'S ...
WHOA!!

WHOOOM

BETWEEN HEAVEN
AND HELL!

HYÔGA, WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT LOOKS LIKE JUDECCA IS BEING DE-STROYED !!


SEIYA
!!

THEY OPENED A HOLE IN THE WALL OF LAMEN-TATION !!
THEY DID IT, SHUN!!
BUT WHERE ARE THE GOLD KNIGHTS ?
WHERE DID THE GOLD KNIGHTS GO?
OH !!

OH...
DEAR GOLD KNIGHTS...

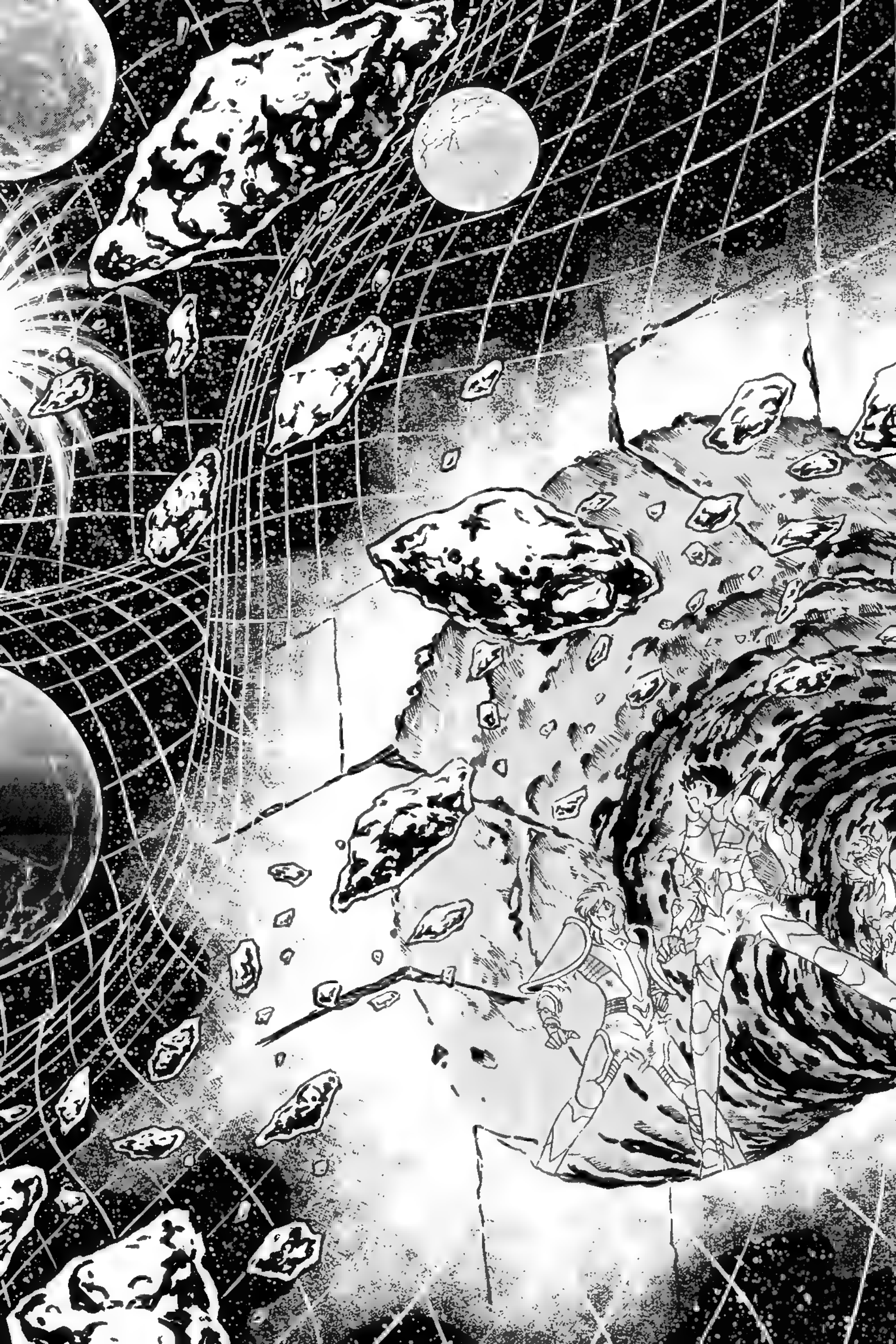
KASHIN

SHUN !!
SEIYA !!
HYÔGA AND SHIRYÛ!
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
THE GOLD KNIGHTS ...
...THEY PASSED ON?
WHOA ...
WHAT IS THIS?

YEAH, THEY'RE GONE...
...EN-TRUSTING TO US LOVE AND JUSTICE...
...AND ALL THINGS GREAT AND SMALL...

LET'S GO!!
WE CAN'T LET THEIR SACRIFICE BE IN VAIN!!
YEAH !!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHIRYÛ?
NOTHING MUCH... I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
JUST GO ON AHEAD.

I SEE SOMETHING!!
IS THAT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL OF LAMENTATION?
HEY!
SCREECH
HUH?
WHAT THE...



READ THIS WAY
IT'S SOME KIND OF SUPER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE!
TIME AND SPACE ARE IN CONSTANT FLUX HERE.
NO WONDER ONLY GODS CAN PASS THROUGH.
OH !!
LOOK OVER THERE !!

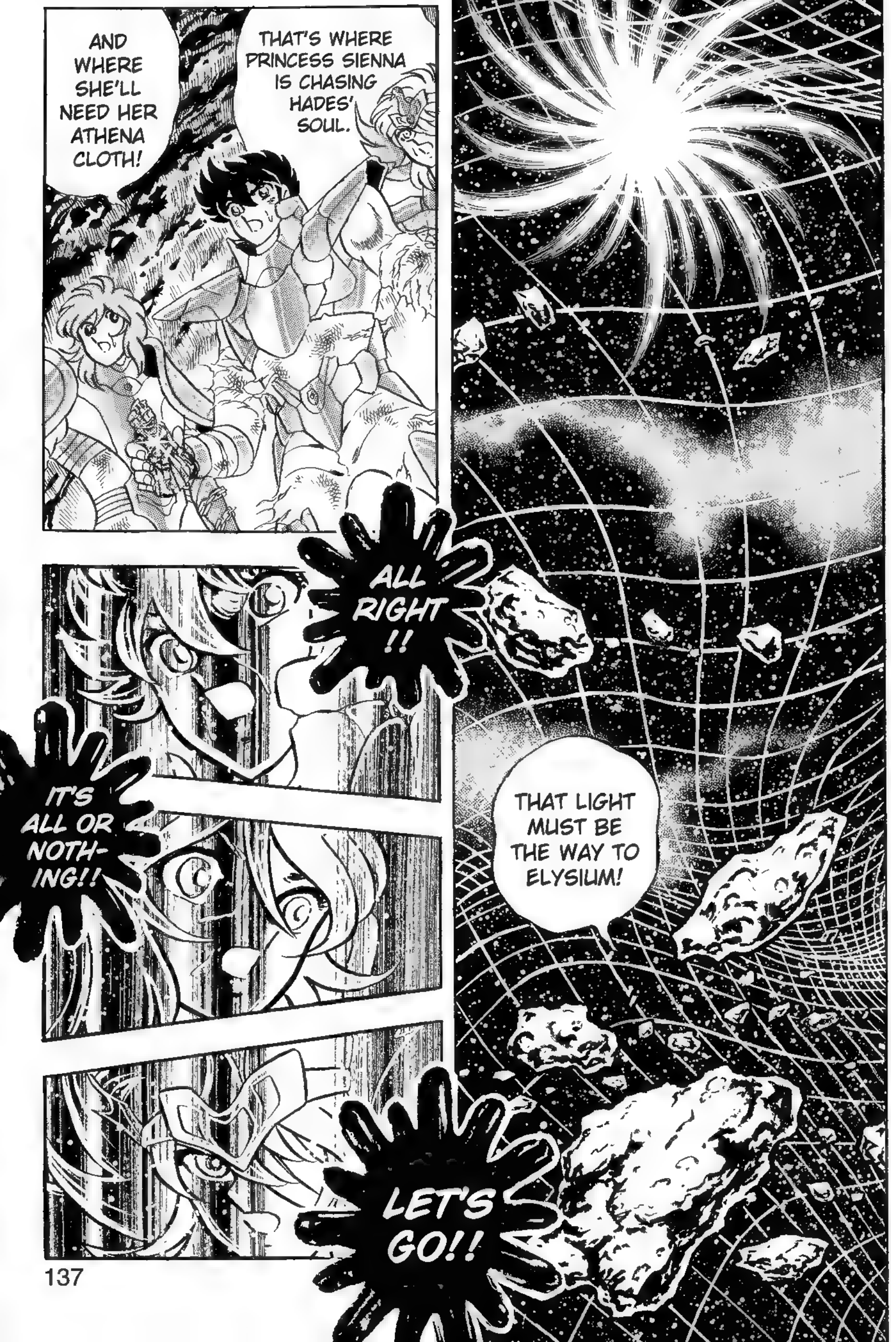
BASILISK SYLPHIDE!!
SORRY, BUT WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO LET ANY OF YOU GET TO ELYSIUM!
NOW MOVE ASIDE, DRAGON!

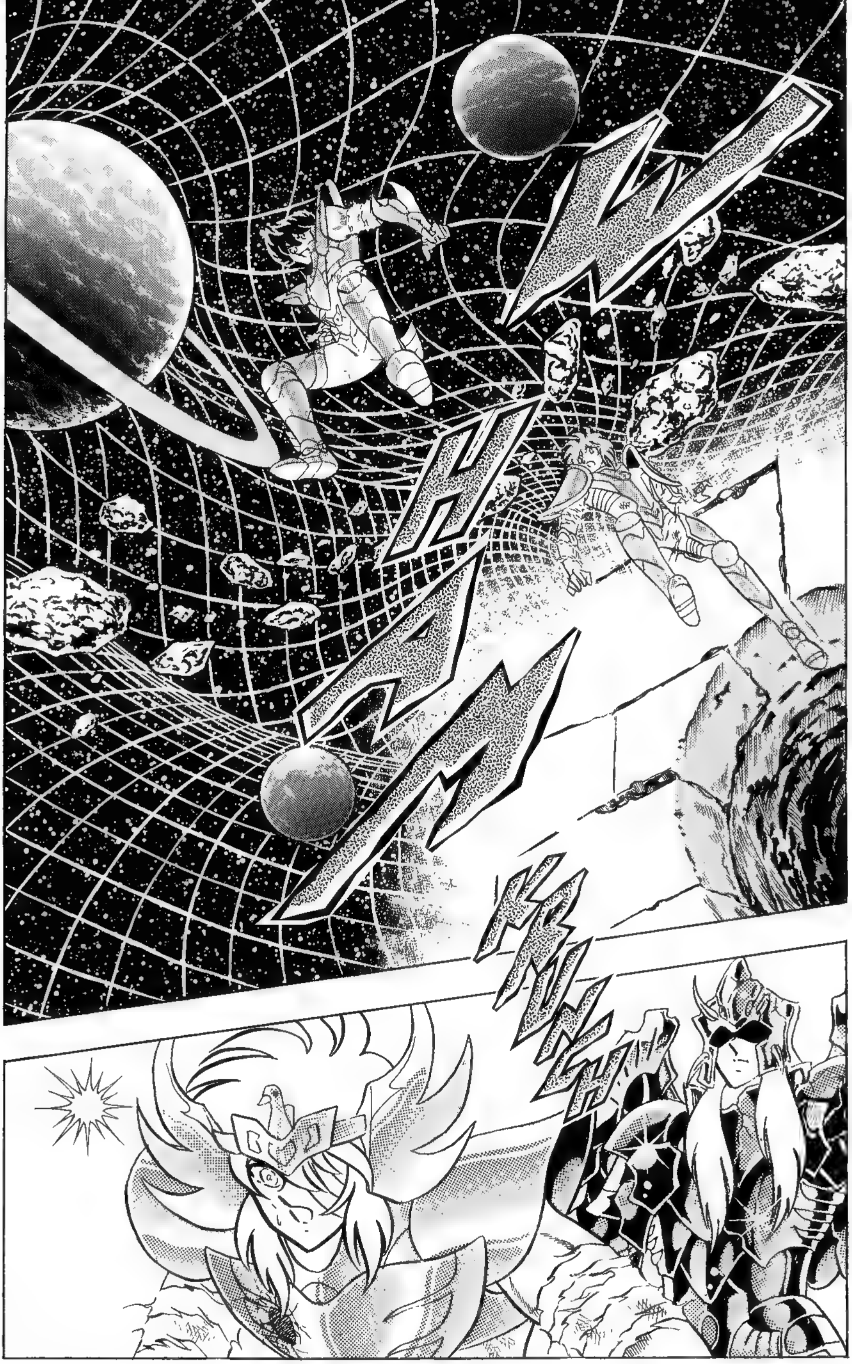
MINOTAUR GORDON!!
ALRAUNE QUEEN!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN FACE THE THREE OF US BY YOUR-SELF?
FOOL!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME DOWN FIRST.

AND YOU'RE WASTING OUR TIME.
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN HERE.
SPLISH
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SPLISH
WHAT?
SPLISH
UNH!

UNH!
DRAGON, YOU'RE ...
...PLANNING TO DIE HERE, AREN'T YOU?
WE BRONZES HAVE EACH INHERITED A PRECIOUS HEIRLOOM FROM THE GOLD KNIGHTS.
EXCALI-BUR!
NOW WITNESS DRAGON'S FINAL ULTIMATE MOVE!!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PRE-PARED TO DIE!!

READ THIS WAY





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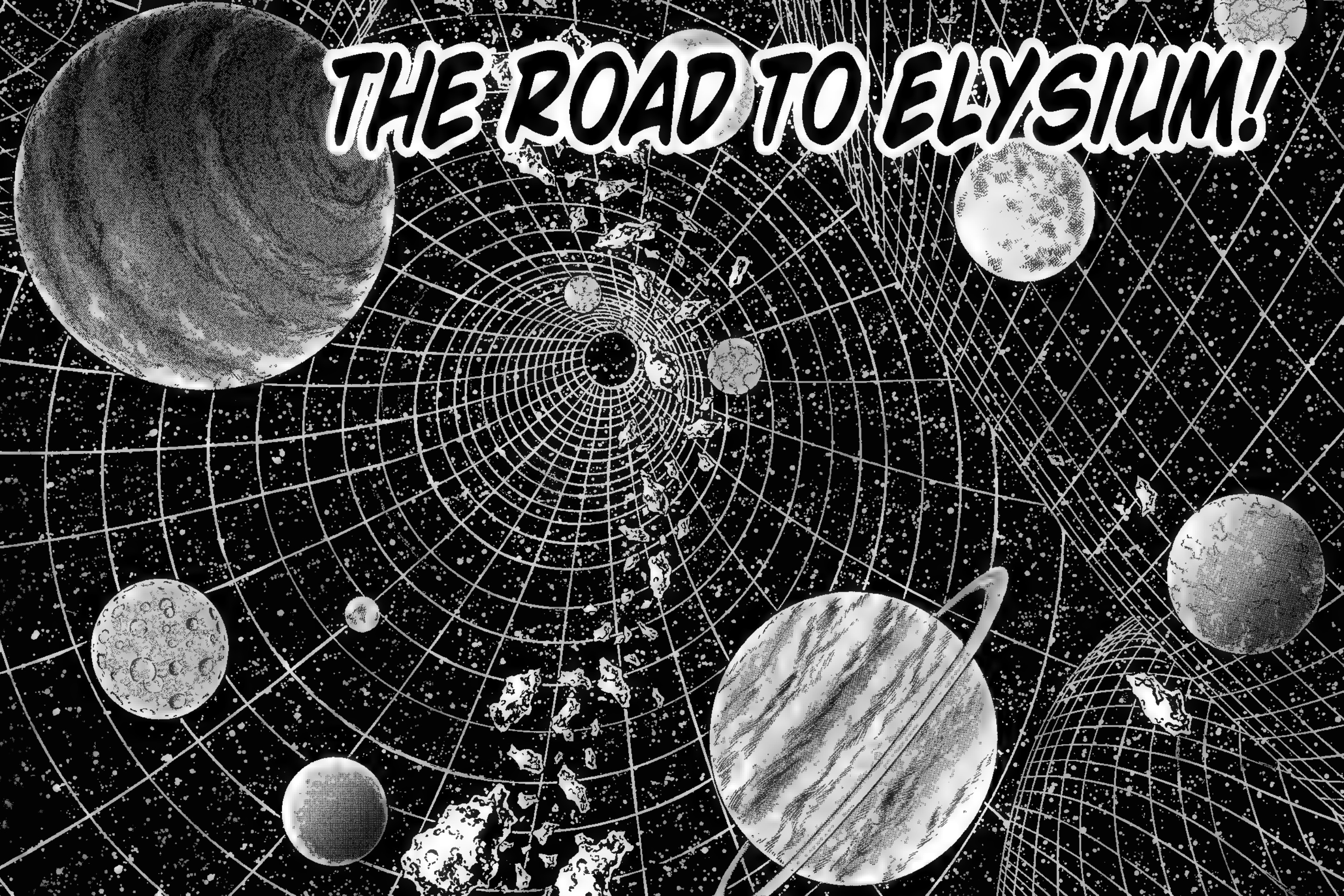

THE ROAD TO ELYSIUM!

HYÔGA !!
OUT OF MY WAY, SWAN! I WON'T LET THE TWO OF THEM GET INTO ELYSIUM !!
FWSH

WHAT ?
WHAT'S THIS?

READ THIS WAY

HYÔGA !!
FORGET MINOS AND JUST MOVE IT!!
WHAT ?

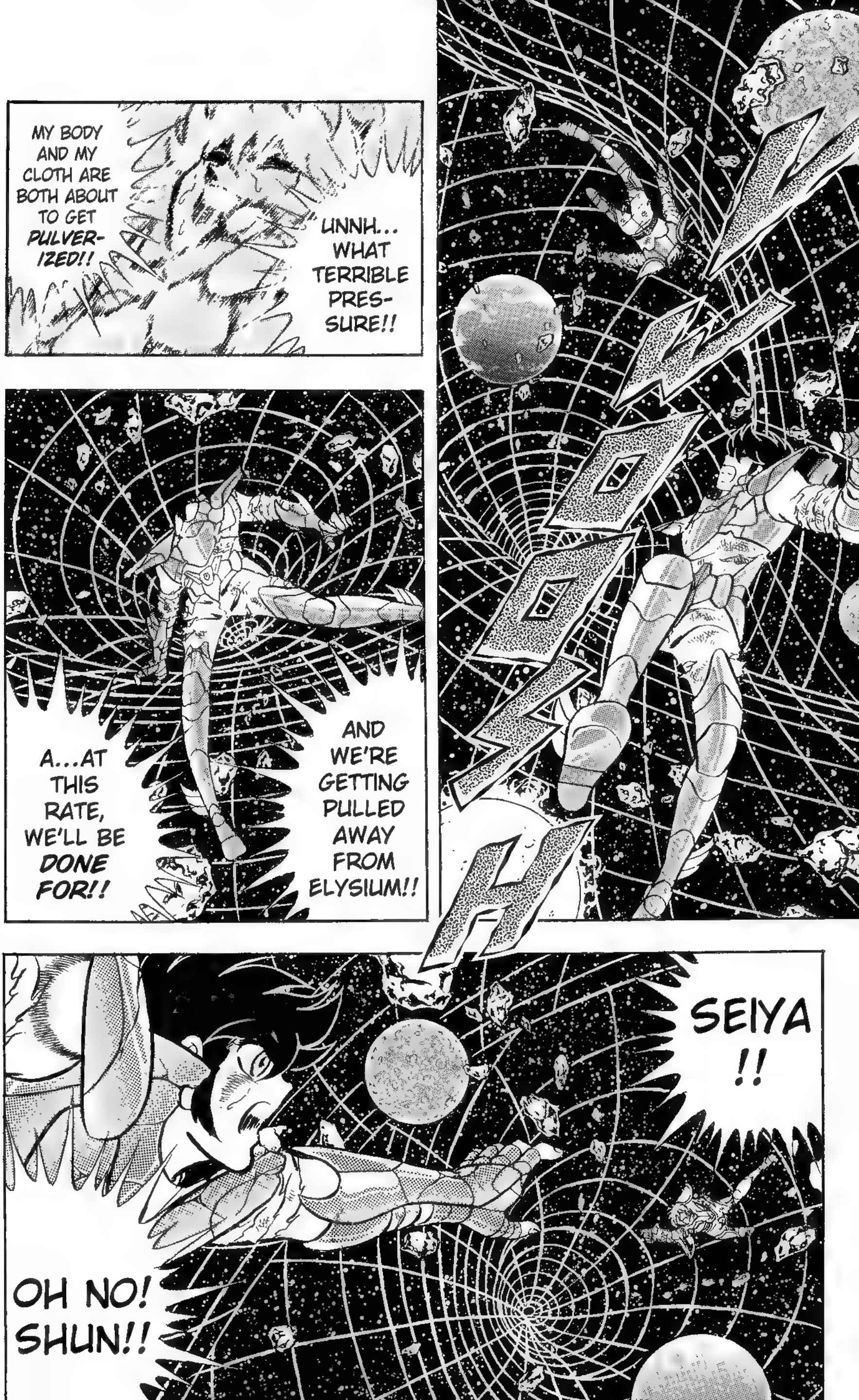
READ THIS WAY

DIA-
MOND
DUST
!!
GO
AHEAD
AND
TRY!!
WHA

DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND? YOUR FROZEN AIR IS NO MATCH FOR ME.
WAAH !!
UNNH ...
NOW GET UP!
WHAT ?
CAN'T STAND? LET ME HELP YOU.

WHAT'S GOING ON?
MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN!
YOU'RE DANCING ON MY INVISIBLE STRINGS.
A DANCE OF DEATH.

COSMIC MARION-ATION!!
NOW DIE, SWAN!!


UNNH... WHAT TERRIBLE PRES-SURE!!
MY BODY AND MY CLOTH ARE BOTH ABOUT TO GET PULVER-IZED!!
A...AT THIS RATE, WE'LL BE DONE FOR!!
AND WE'RE GETTING PULLED AWAY FROM ELYSIUM!!
SEIYA!!
OH NO! SHUN!!

READ THIS WAY

WINGS!!
MY CLOTH SPROUT-ED WINGS !!

WHOA!!
OH!
SEIYA!!
HOW'D YOU GROW WINGS?
I DON'T KNOW!

BUT I KNOW THE PEGASUS HAS WINGS...
...SO I GUESS ATHENA'S BLOOD BROUGHT OUT THAT LATENT POWER.
IT'S JUST LIKE SHION AND RÔSHI SAID. CLOTHS REVIVED WITH ATHENA'S BLOOD ARE NO ORDINARY ARMOR.
AND I FEEL LIKE THEY'VE STILL GOT SOME SUR-PRISES IN STORE...
ALL RIGHT! NOW WE CAN GET TO ELYSIUM!!
LET'S GO!!

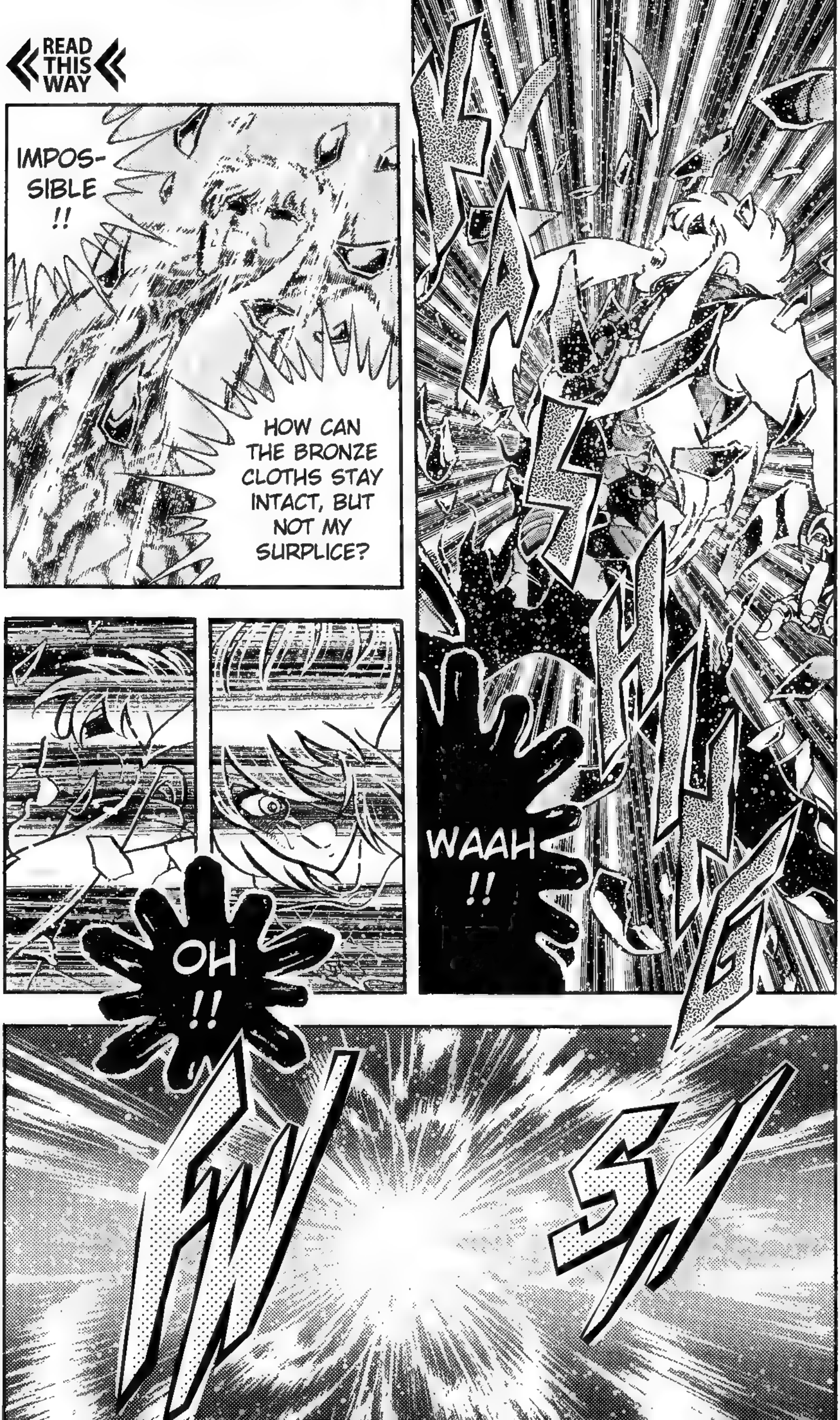
KRAKLINK
SO IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO TOO.
I...I THINK SEIYA AND SHUN HAVE MADE IT TO THE OTHER SIDE.
WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT?
MY PUPPET STRINGS HAVE FROZEN!
TAKE THIS!!
SWAN'S GREAT-EST MOVE!!

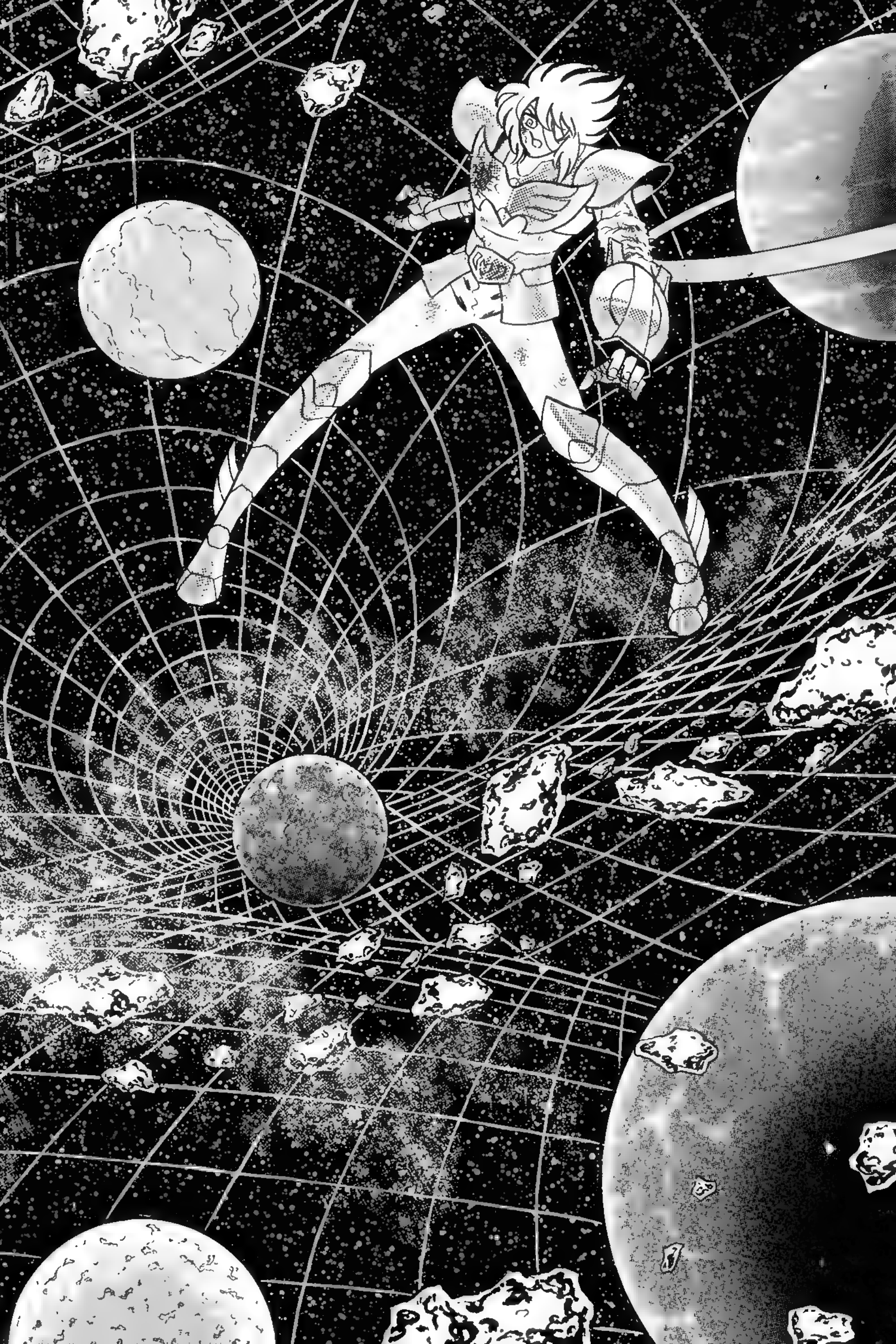
AURORA EXECU-TION!!

WAAH !!
SEIYA! SHUN!!
I'M COMING RIGHT NOW!!
UNH !!

MINOS !!
HEH. ONE OF MY PUPPET STRINGS STILL CONNECTS US.
WHAT ?
I TOLD YOU, I WILL NOT LET YOU ENTER ELY-SIUM!
DIE, SWAN!!

READ THIS WAY





READ THIS WAY

KRASH
NOW MOVE ASIDE, DRAGON!
D...DON'T MAKE ME KEEP REPEAT-ING MYSELF...
UNH... UGH...
HEH...NOW DO YOU SEE HOW FOOLISH IT WAS TO FACE THE THREE OF US ALL BY YOURSELF?

READ THIS WAY

SHH
BLOOD
FLOWER
SCIS-
SORS!!

HEH... YOU SURE HELD US BACK FOR A WHILE.
LET'S GO, YOU TWO...

KLANG
WH... WHAT IS THIS?
H...HOW DID HE SLIP PAST THE BLOOD FLOWER SCISSORS AND DRAW EXCALIBUR?
QUEEN !!
DRIP DRIP
DRIP
UNH ...
GAR! I'LL PUL-VERIZE EXCALI-BUR!!
TAKE THIS, MINO-TAUR'S AXE!!

GRAND AXE CRUSH-ER!!

AARGH!!
YOUR WRIST BONES HAVE BEEN CRUSHED, SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DRAW EXCALIBUR ANYMORE.
UNNNH...
HEH. EVEN THE MIGHTY EXCALIBUR IS A WITHERED TWIG COMPARED TO MY AXE!
UGH!!
DIE, DRAGON!!
NEXT I'LL SMASH IN YOUR HEAD!!

WHOA !!
ROZAN'S RISING DRAGON BLOW!!

A MAN WHO'S PRE-PARED TO DIE IS FEAR-SOME INDEED.
YOU REFUSE TO BUDGE, NO MATTER WHAT.
GORDON !!
THIS TIME, WE WILL MAKE YOU MOVE, DRAGON!!

READ THIS WAY

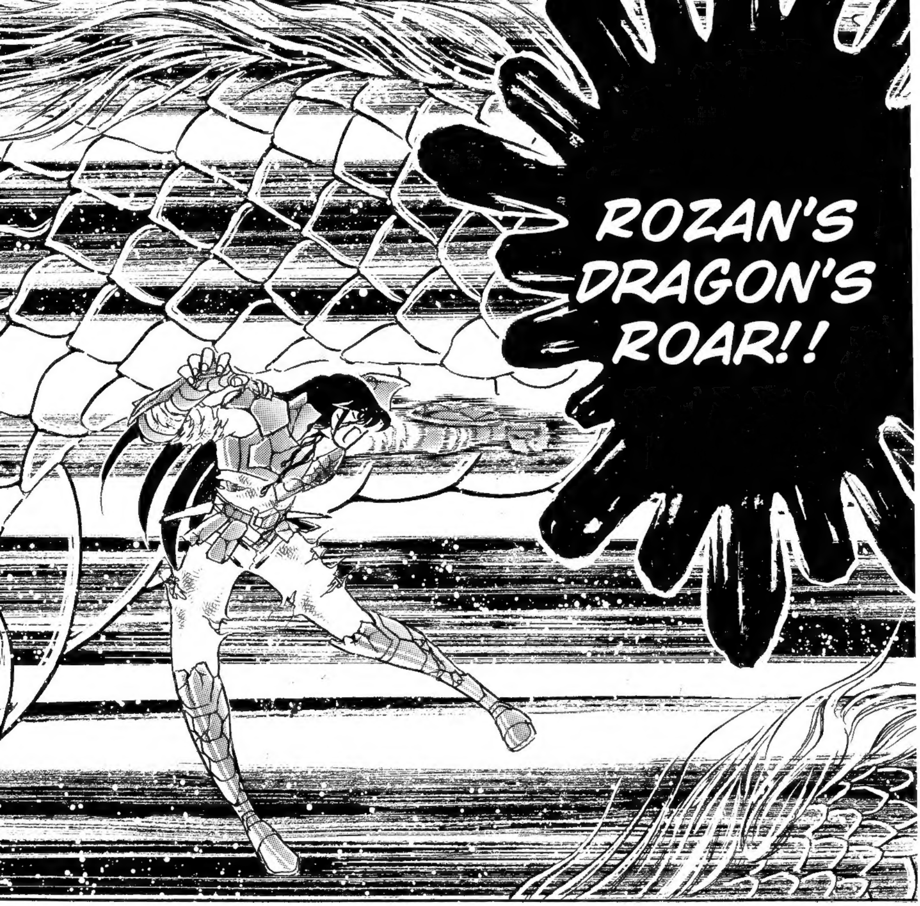
ANNIHI-
LATION
FLAP!!

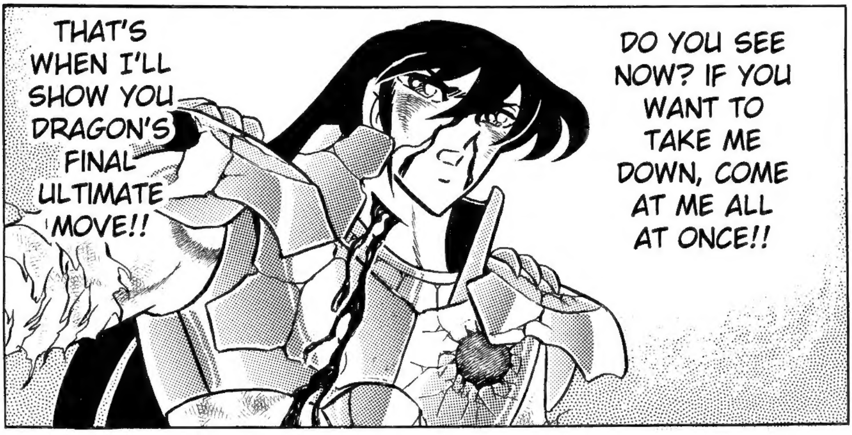
SMASH
WOOM!!
WAAAAH!!

HEH ...
IT'S SO IRONIC ...
NORMALLY, YOUR BLOW JUST NOW...
...WOULD HAVE BLASTED ME THROUGH THE WALL AND INTO THE SUPER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE.
HUH ?
WHAT ?
BUT THE INVINCIBLE WALL OF LAMENTATION HELD ME BACK.
YOUR OWN FORTIFICATIONS HAVE TURNED AGAINST YOU.

READ THIS WAY

SYLPHIDE !!
ARGH !!





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